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Neutron crisis looms in U.S.-German ties

BONN, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — A serious crisis in U.S.-West German relations is looming over President Ronald Reagan's decision to build a neutron bomb without prior consultation of his European allies political observers here believe.

The irritation is particularly intense within Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's own Social-Democratic Party, whose secretary general, Peter Glotz, said that the American move was apt to increase West German doubts about the sincerity of Washington's desire to negotiate a reduction of Euro-missiles with Moscow. "The decision to build the neutron bomb may be American," he stated, "but the decision of a possible deployment in the German Federal Republic is exclusively one for the government in Bonn."

The decision has also prompted concern, notably in West Germany and Scandinavia, bastions of strong pacifist feelings, that the U.S. decision might sabotage plans for new Washington-Moscow Strategic Arms Limitation Talks at the end of this year. West Germany has put all the pressure it can muster on Washington to resume these talks, in view of the damaging effects of the current East-West chill on détente, the cornerstone of West German policy, and especially on trade and relations between the two Germanies.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* returned to the charge Wednesday warning Bonn that the deployment of new missiles in Europe cannot fail to damage Soviet-West German relations. But other observers see Reagan's decision as aimed at boosting the American bargaining position in coming arms limitation talks. With Soviet SS-20 missiles firmly in place in the east and the Atlantic Alliance's new Cruise and Pershing missiles not due in the field until 1983, Washington would have been in a weak position at the negotiating table.

The neutron bomb will right the balance, and besides, many observers interpret Reagan's attitude as: "If the Europeans do not like U.S. nuclear policy, they can look after themselves."

In Athens, some 5,000 demonstrators marched through streets to the U.S. Embassy Tuesday night in protest against Reagan's

decision to go ahead with the neutron bomb. The protesters chanted anti-American and anti-nuclear slogans, and handed in a petition at the embassy staff.

At The Hague, some 300 demonstrators from 12 nations held sit-ins Tuesday at six embassies, among them the American and Soviet missions, proclaiming "a renewal of the European Movement Against the Neutron Bomb."

Yugoslavia, a leader of the nonaligned movement, described through its official news agency that Reagan decision would stimulate an arms race "that already reached an alarming pace. U.S. military, U.S. military strategies seem to forget that the other side is also capable of producing the same weapons."

Meanwhile, Japan Wednesday denied it was informed of Reagan's decision when the manufacture of the weapons started last Thursday.

Qatari ambassador presents credentials

TAIF, Aug. 12 (SPA) — King Khaled Wednesday received the credentials of Abdul Rahman Atiyah, accrediting him as Qatar's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Those present at the ceremony included Dr. Rashad Pharaon, the King's special adviser; Sheikh Muhammad Al-Nuwaisir, chief of the Royal Court; Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Wahhab, chief of the Royal Protocol; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayyan, foreign undersecretary and Gen. Abdullah Al-Busali, commander of the Royal Guard.

The Qatari ambassador said that relations between his country and the Kingdom are beyond all traditional considerations and that they stand on sound base which is drawn from the Islamic religion, and common history, principles and objectives. He described Crown Prince Fahd's statement as a "major and realistic key to the Middle East problems as a whole."

Dollar sinks as interest rates fall

LONDON, Aug. 12 (R) — The dollar's record-breaking surge against other major currencies faltered Wednesday because of a slight fall in short-term U.S. interest rates, dealers said. (See *Financial Roundup page 11*)

But bankers polled by Reuters in West Europe and Japan said the dollar could still reach new milestones in coming months because of high U.S. interest rates and market confidence in the U.S. economic outlook. Gold was quoted at \$416 an ounce against \$409 Tuesday.

The bankers said the dollar's strength was likely to last at least until around the end of the year when the U.S. economy is expected to slow down under the impact of the tight money policy of the U.S. central bank, the Federal Reserve.

The Federal Reserve has encouraged high rates, currently around 20 percent, to brake inflation, which has fallen from double digits last year to a 12-monthly rate in June of 8.4 percent.

Common Market currencies have been among the main victims of the dollar's all-conquering form, with the French franc falling to a 23-year low against the dollar and the West German mark dropping to a five-year low.

As a result the bankers said they expected an early realignment of the European Monetary System (EMS) which locks together all major EEC currencies except the pound sterling.

Under the EMS, member countries have to prevent their currencies fluctuating more than 2.25 percent against each other, except for Italy which has six percent fluctuation.

They said that the ability of the West German Bundesbank (central bank) to defend the West German currency was constrained by the EMS. The West German authorities could, for example, raise their interest rates to "make the mark attractive, but this would put strain on EMS parties."

The Bundesbank intervened heavily last week to defend the mark by selling \$531 million at the Frankfurt fixing and at least as much again in the open market, dealers said. But while the Bundesbank was selling dollars, the French authorities were selling marks to stop the French franc exceeding its lower EMS limit of 240.93 francs per 100 marks. As a result dealers expect the EMS parties to be realigned, possibly by revaluing the West German mark and devaluing the franc to give the Bundesbank more leeway to defend the West German currency.

The dollar started the year at 1.97 marks and has risen about 30 percent since then. At Wednesday's Frankfurt fix the Bundesbank sold \$60.60 million as the U.S. currency was fixed at 2.5435 marks, two pennings, lower than Tuesday, dealers said.

The mark had gained against the dollar in early trading because of a slight easing in U.S. interest rates and the Bundesbank's intervention was apparently aimed at driving it up even further, dealers said.

In New York Tuesday night, the overnight Federal Funds rate at which banks lend to each other fell to 17 3/8 percent from 18.25 the previous day and several banks cut the rate at which they lend to brokers from 20 to 19 or 19.5 percent.

Other currencies made similar gains against the dollar. In London, the Swiss franc traded at 2.1680 to the dollar from 2.1935 at Tuesday night's close and the pound sterling was quoted at \$1.7890 from 1.7752 Tuesday night.

The French franc was quoted at around 5.9 to the dollar, compared with 6.14 Tuesday and the yen traded at 231.30 to the dollar compared with 235.70 at Tuesday night's close.

Japan paves way for robot-run machine tool industry

TOKYO, Aug. 12 (R) — The Japanese machine tool industry is pointing the way to the realization of an industrial management dream — factories operating 24 hours a day without workers.

The industry predicts that gently humming robots commanding machine tools acting on numbered impulses fed by computer will soon produce a wide variety of machines, thus reducing costs and eliminating labor problems. The development can be traced back to the 1973 oil crisis, which forced Japanese industry to rationalize to survive economic recession.

The aftermath of the 1973 crisis and big rises in imported oil costs in 1979 boosted demand for numerically-controlled machine tools fitted with micro-computers and able to produce machine parts with the precision of a craftsman. Shunzo Abe, director of the Japan Machine Tool Builders' Association, said more than 50 percent of the machine tools now produced in Japan were numerically-controlled. The latest development is a machine center combining several machine tools which can be operated by one man or even a robot.

"I am supervising three centers and thus doing a job which used to take at least 15 persons to carry out," said a worker at Tokico Ltd. near Tokyo, which makes car parts and industrial robots for painting. Computerized



SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR: Rufus and Sarah Connell, aged 7 and 5, according to their mother, are fast asleep on the floor of London's Heathrow Airport Tuesday. Both cuddle a teddy bear. The family is trying to get home to Cupertino, Calif., but is held up because of the strike by the air controllers which had affected flights across the Atlantic.

Iran warns Italy French back in Paris

PARIS, Aug. 12 (AP) — A second batch of French citizens arrived here from Tehran Wednesday in an evacuation prompted by a chill in French-Iranian relations over France's refusal to extradite ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr who has been granted asylum here.

A spokesman for France's External Affairs Ministry said that 75 French citizens returned by the Iran Air flight. Iran's official Pars news agency said Ambassador Guy Georgy was among the passengers.

Paris, in reporting the departure of the French citizens, said 55 were members of the French embassy staff and the rest were French citizens who had been living in Iran. French President Francois Mitterrand had advised his 144 compatriots in Iran to leave after his government granted Bani-Sadr political asylum.

The evacuation left the French embassy with a staff of four headed by a first secretary. In addition to evacuating most of the embassy staff, Mitterrand had advised all French citizens in Iran to return home.

The French government had said there were 144 French citizens living in Iran. The Iran Air flights Monday and Wednesday brought out a total of 132 members of the French community. There was no immediate explanation whether the dozen or more others had elected to stay against their government's advice or planned to leave at a later time.

A group of 62 French citizens tried to leave Iran last Thursday, but Iranian authorities refused to allow them to board the Air France jet which had been dispatched especially to fly them home. The Iranians said they had to make sure none of the would-be evacuees owed any local taxes or had any other unsettled debts. Two persons were turned back at

Mehrabad airport when they tried to board Monday's Paris-bound plane. Observers in Tehran said one was a French businessman who was told to stay pending a court appearance over an undisclosed matter, while the other was an Iranian woman married to a Frenchman. The woman did not have a valid exist visa, the observers said. It was not immediately known whether either of these two was on Wednesday's flight.

In another development, a former Iranian envoy to the now-defunct Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) has been arrested in Tehran, Iran radio reported. The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said retired Lt. Gen. Yar Muhammad Saleh had been arrested last Sunday. A large number of bullets and alcoholic drinks were seized from his house, the radio said, adding that Saleh had been "wanted for a long time."

In Rome, the Iranian embassy warned Italy Wednesday of serious consequences if it granted political asylum to Bani-Sadr now in exile in Paris. In a recent interview with an Italian newspaper, Bani-Sadr indicated he might ask for asylum in Italy if France restricted his political activities there.

But Hassan Qadiri, a spokesman for the Iranian embassy in Rome, told reporters: "It is not in the interest of Italy to accept Bani-Sadr." He said Italy would face grave consequences if it did, but he did not elaborate.

In Oslo, 16 Iranian students who occupied the Iranian embassy Tuesday were taken to the Swedish border and expelled early Wednesday, police said.

They said the students, opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini, faced no charges but did not have valid visas or passports. Their numbers had earlier been put at 20.

Flights to U.S. resumed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — Canadian air traffic controllers resumed work Wednesday at the Gander Newfoundland, trans-oceanic flight station and backlogged flights began leaving Europe for the United States at a sluggish pace.

Portuguese air controllers were still planning to walk off the job Saturday, however, in support of the striking U.S. air controllers. This would snarl air traffic handled by the south Atlantic Azores tower and threaten to jam the North Atlantic route once again.

As soon as the Canadians resumed work, several flights left Rhein-Main airport, in Frankfurt, West Germany. They included Lufthansa flights for New York and Chicago, and a Pan Am flight to the east coast via London.

In Washington, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Dick Stafford confirmed the boycott was dropped at Gander Wednesday morning. But there was no agreement to drop action the government has threatened against defiant controllers who refused to handle flights to the United States.

Pepin said his agreement with the controllers included setting up a fact-finding team to investigate their complaints that the U.S. strike threatened the safety of air traffic. These complaints, which U.S. and Canadian aviation officials denied, were the official reason given by the Canadian controllers for the boycott.

Confusion still reigned at foreign airports, however, and airlines had little hope of restoring full service immediately. "We expect to be able to clear most of the backlog by this evening," said Brian Smith, a spokesman for Britain's Civil Aviation Authority.

The Dutch national airline KLM canceled all North American flights Wednesday despite the Gander agreement because the company had to clear the backlog the boycott caused earlier this week, a spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a Concorde from London landed at Kennedy International Airport Wednesday morning, marking the resumption of Trans-oceanic flights guided by controllers at Gander, Newfoundland.

The plane, British Airways flight 193, arrived shortly after 10 a.m. (1400 GMT), ending two days of chaos caused by Canadian controllers' refusal to direct traffic to or from U.S. airports.

The American government, bolstered by the support of airlines and Canadian air traffic controllers' resumed handling of U.S. flights, appears to be strengthening its hand in a strike by 12,000 U.S. controllers. Officials sought to restore air traffic between Europe and the United States to near-normal levels Wednesday as Canadian controllers ended a two-day boycott that had cut Trans-Atlantic flights to a trickle.

Airline executives, after meeting Tuesday with U.S. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, said they staunchly support President Ronald Reagan's handling of the crisis and his decision to fire the striking controllers.

Passengers crowded London's Heathrow airport again Wednesday as airlines cancelled more than half their flights to the United States and Canada. An airport official said 14 of a scheduled 23 departures had already been cancelled.

But a spokesman for British Airways, said the position was easing with the Canadian controllers' decision to return to work.

A spokesman for Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) said in Stockholm that flights to the United States would be slightly delayed. The spokesman added that one of SAS's three scheduled Trans-Atlantic flights had already left Copenhagen for Los Angeles. Two others, from Stockholm and Copenhagen to New York, had received slot times from Canadian controllers and would leave two hours late, he said.

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Naif chairs first meeting

Information body reviews policy

TAIF, Aug. 12 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif said here Wednesday that the Kingdom's information policy was based on clear-cut objectives of promoting faith and the government's policy at home and abroad.

The prince added that it also aimed at increasing public consciousness and providing useful culture and entertainment. He hoped that such information policy would further enhance Saudi Arabia's prestige at international level and help fulfill government's objectives.

Prince Naif, who was chairing the first meeting of the Higher Council for Information, said that the Kingdom's information system has not yet reached the required standard that would enable it to counter the hostile media efficiently.

He thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their trust when they ordered the formation of the new council. He said the meeting discussed the Kingdom's information policy and the council's future work program as well as some procedural matters, such as the general secretariat and the council's new by-laws. It asked some of its members to prepare the by-laws which will be discussed at the council's forthcoming meeting after two weeks.

The minister cautioned that while the

council will play its role fully, the greater responsibility will still rest with the information ministry and the media which are the executive organs. He urged the latter to remain keen on preserving high standards and providing useful material for readers, listeners and viewers. The latter, he said, should be kept abreast with the realities of the Kingdom's life in all fields.

The prince said that foremost among the topics which the council will discuss in future is the development of the information policy and the encouragement of national cadres. He pointed out that the council will review the efforts and role of the ministries of information and education and Saudi Arabian universities in this regard. Their suggestions will be thoroughly studied until self-sufficiency in manpower is achieved. The council will also examine a comprehensive study prepared by the previous council dealing with mass communication at home and abroad.

The council is composed of Prince Naif (president), Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani (vice president); Sheikh Muhammad ibn Jubair, head of the grievances department; Dr. Abdullah ibn Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, president of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University;

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs; Abdul Aziz Al-Rifai; Sheikh Abdullah ibn Khamis; Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, information undersecretary; Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Hajji, education undersecretary for cultural affairs; and Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Shubaili, higher education undersecretary.

Phone services to be streamlined

JEDDAH, Aug. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Telephone Department is undertaking a move to boost subscribers' services, Fuad Ashram, Jeddah area director, has said. A new bill payment office was opened recently at the main Post Office building in Ruwais to help people settle their bills as soon as they receive them.

He emphasized the importance of early settlement of bills, especially those of the second period of this year being distributed now. The last date for payment of the second period bills is Sept. 14, Ashram said. Otherwise, the department will be forced to discontinue the service under Saudi Telephone's regulations, he added.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Province bureau requested all citizens who applied for telephone service to intimate their correct and complete addresses to the subscriptions department, in addition to cabin numbers and distribution boxes in their areas. Saudi Telephone has embarked on a new scheme to laydown networks and extend house connections.

Nazer, Masoud return from trip

TAIF, Aug. 12 (SPA) — King Khaled's special emissaries, Planning Minister Hisham Nazer and State Minister Ibrahim Masoud, returned here Wednesday after delivering messages to leaders of Gulf states.

Nazer conveyed a message from the King to the Ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Wednesday. On Tuesday, the planning minister called on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and delivered King Khaled's message to him.

Meanwhile, Masoud delivered messages to UAE President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al Nahyan and Qatari Ruler Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al-Thani Tuesday. He was received by Bahraini Ruler Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa Wednesday, who received from him the King's message.

They also discussed issues of mutual concern and recent developments in the international and regional interest. Masoud also met with Bahraini Premier Sheikh Khalifa ibn Salman before his departure.

Saudia maintains overall progress, report says

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Aug. 12 — Saudia carried 9.5 million passengers, inaugurated flights to four new destinations and expanded service and training programs in 1980, the national carrier's 1980 annual report indicated Wednesday.

In the report, Saudia Director General Ahmed Mattar said that at the start of the 70s Saudia emerged as an international airline of considerable merit — with a fleet, manpower and technical ability as dynamic as any in the industry. He pointed out that the airline's growth "is a clearly-mirrored reflection of the Kingdom's own dramatic development."

"As an integral part of the Kingdom's development we have enjoyed a program of investment which must be the envy of most other airlines. That program has resulted in a capital investment in virtually every facet of our world-wide operations," the director general added.

The 9.5 million passengers carried in 1980 is an increase of 19 percent over 1979. Saudia's operating revenues of SR4.2 billion were 32 percent higher than 1979. Total assets increased 29 percent to SR8.1 billion. According to the report, the loss of SR234 million compares with 1979's loss of SR210 million and continues to be mainly attributed to world-wide inflation.

The 1980 annual report also showed that operating revenues were composed of 75 percent passenger and 12 percent freight. Compared with 1979, passenger revenues of SR3.2 billion increased 36 percent, and freight revenues of SR506 million increased 19 percent. Operating expenses 32 percent from 3.4 billion in 1979 to SR4.5 billion in 1980.

According to the report, Saudia has a vital role in the development plans of the government by helping to promote the sustained growth of domestic activity, by facilitating wider participation in the development process by different segments of Saudi Arabian society and by contributing to the diversification of the country's economic structure. As part of its efforts in this regard, the national carrier began several training programs and expanded services during 1980.

In training, Saudia acquired an L-1011 Tristar full flight simulator as part of its Flight Operations Training Center, which was built two years ago. Also during the year, a recruitment campaign was staged and attracted 528 applicants for basic pilot, flight engineer and flight dispatcher programs. Of these, 133 started training.

In technical training, three recruitment drives were conducted during 1980 by Saudia's technical services division, and 617 Saudi Arabian candidates were selected for various technical programs. Upon comple-



Ahmed Mattar

tion of their respective courses, the young men will eventually help to meet Saudia's future requirements for skilled Saudi Arabian manpower in this vitally important airline sector, the report said. In anticipation of the introduction of new Boeing 747 aircraft during 1981, 232 technical employees successfully completed their B-747 training courses at Seattle in the United States.

In the corporate training sector, the number of students/employees who graduated in different programs totaled 3,155. This training provides the basic education needs of large numbers of young Saudi Arabian recruits prior to their induction into the areas of specialization.

New international routes (Bangkok, Dacca, Mogadishu and Nairobi), upgraded city ticket offices and further automated ticketing services were among the innovations and improvements made in 1980. Progress in 1980 was achieved in the evolution of Saudia's central computer base in Jeddah with the installation of a new IBM 3031 computer, adding to the teleprocessing network which provides user departments with the most current data available. According to the report, Saudia's Jeddah automated reservation center received an average of more than 5,000 calls every day of the year for bookings on Saudia flights.

Official denies media reports

BEIRUT, Aug. 12 (SPA) — A spokesman for the Kingdom's embassy here denied Wednesday reports alleging that the embassy has advised the Lebanese government to hold the Arab Follow-up Committee's meeting in the absence of Saudi Arabian Ambassador Ali Al-Shaer. Charge of Affairs Abu Bakr Rafee' was to attend the meeting the reports have claimed.

Cooperation accord underway

Kingdom, Brazil to boost ties

JEDDAH, Aug. 12 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal will sign a scientific, technical and cultural cooperation agreement during a visit to Brazil which he began Wednesday, according to Okaz newspaper.

The agreement will especially cover oil, agricultural and petrochemical cooperation. It aims at introducing new agricultural methods in Saudi Arabia developed by Brazil which has a similar climate. The Kingdom, several years ago, has sought Brazil's cooperation to plant coffee.

Meanwhile, embassy sources here said that Brazil will give a 40,000 sq. meters land for the construction of a mosque in Brazilia at the expense of the Saudi Arabian government.

According to Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the Brazilian charge d'affaires to the Kingdom has said that Prince Saud's visit to his country will further enhance the existing excellent relations between Saudi Arabia and

Brazil. He disclosed that Prince Saud, during his meetings with high-ranking Brazilian officials, will discuss a number of international issues and the role Brazil could play toward these issues.

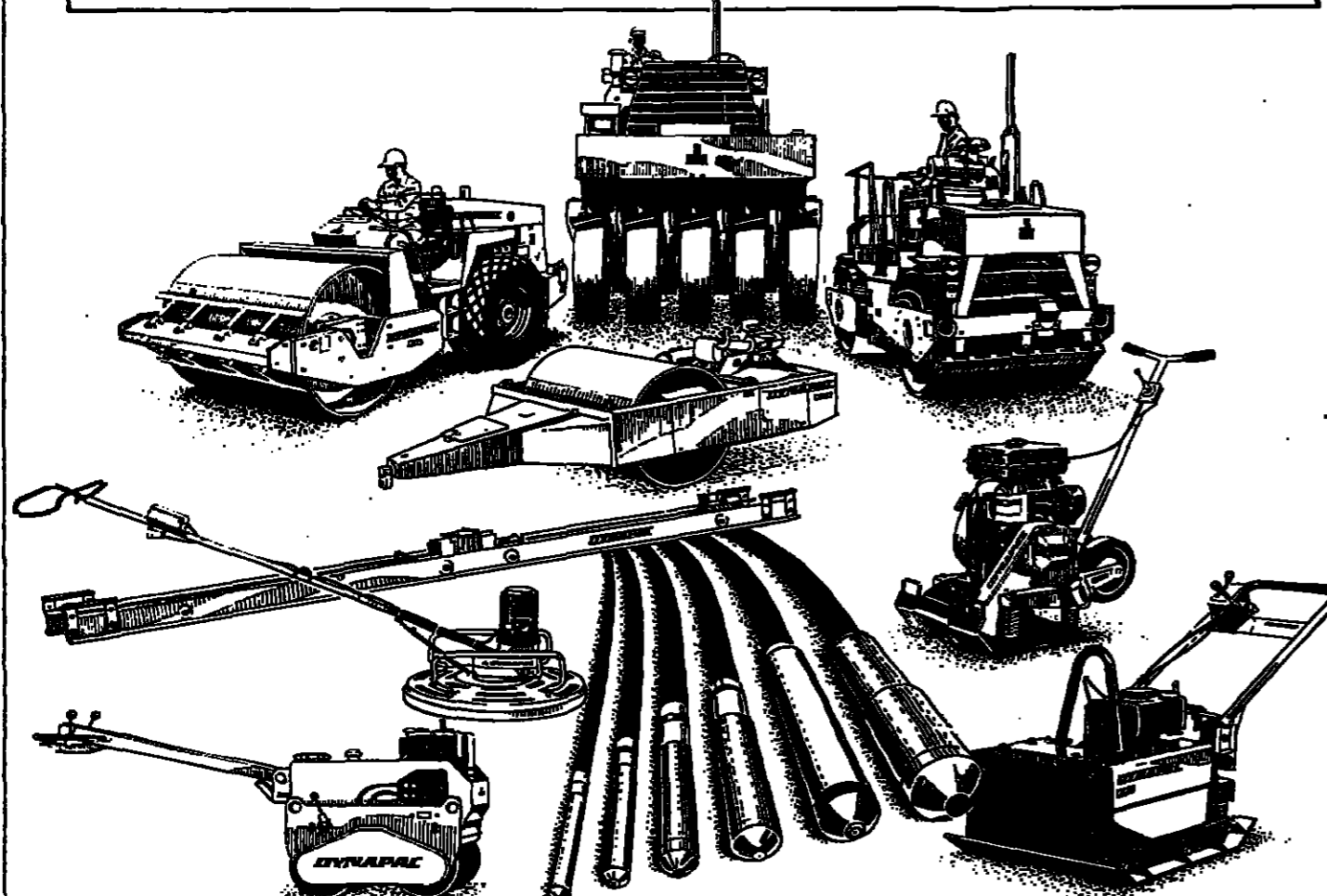
Commenting on bilateral relations, the Brazilian diplomat hailed the growing relations between the two countries. He pointed out that the Kingdom and Brazil shared identical views on certain political and international issues.

Earlier Tuesday, Prince Saud conferred in Rio de Janeiro with the Kingdom's ambassadors to Latin American countries, and took up with them the latest developments in world affairs. He briefed them on the Kingdom's attitude toward each issue and the political line it will adopt shortly to promote Arab causes.

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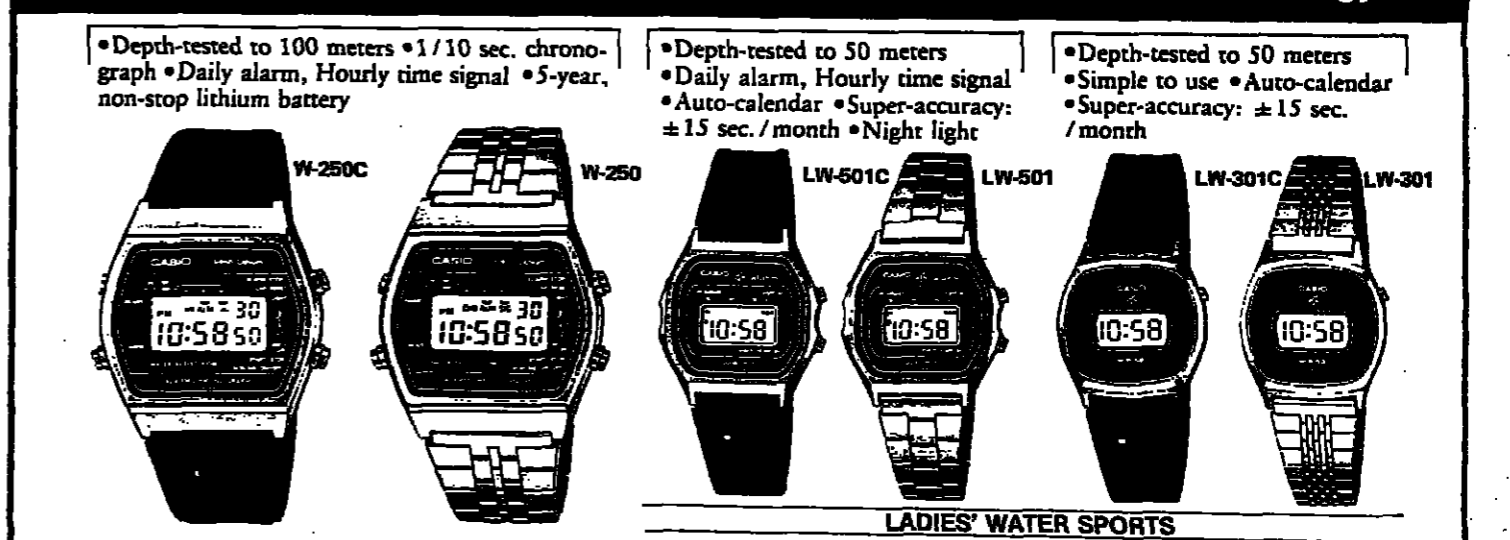
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Wazzan says

Lebanon to improve air defense network

BEIRUT, Aug. 12 (R) — Lebanon will accept offers from East or West to build up an air defense network following devastating Israeli air strikes, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan said.

He told reporters in Beirut Tuesday that he had asked the defense ministry "to appoint a military committee to...undertake all the contacts regarding any offers to ensure the setting up of a missile defense network." The 25,000-strong Lebanese Army is equipped mainly with American and French arms.

The prime minister's statement, however, indicated he might seek ground-to-air missiles from eastern bloc countries. "The government is determined to accept any offer regarding air defense through air missile networks, whether they come from East or West, provided they are in Lebanese hands," he said.

His statement followed Israeli air attacks on Beirut and south Lebanon last month in which some 400 persons died.

The government has also decided to repair and modernize 10 Lebanese Air Force Mirage fighters at a cost of \$25 million. Wazzan said last week it had been a mistake to sell back to France a network of Crotale surface-to-air missiles 10 years ago. The decision was taken amid allegations of a corruption scandal surrounding the missile deal.

Last April, Syria installed Soviet SAM-6 missiles in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley to protect its peacekeeping forces there after Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopters.

The affair brought the region to the brink of a new Middle East conflict, with Israel threatening to knock out the missiles. But Damascus refused to remove them.

Iran seizes arms bound for Iraq

LONDON, Aug. 12 (R) — Iran said Wednesday it was seizing arms and explosives bound for Iraq from a Danish ship ordered into an Iranian port Tuesday while entering the Gulf.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry in Tehran, contacted from London, said: "We are taking off the armaments and then we will let the ship go." The vessel was identified by the spokesman as the *L.C. Cas*, with a crew of four Danes, three Indians and a Chilean national, Lloyd's Register of Shipping lists no vessel of that name.

The foreign ministry spokesman said the Danish ship was carrying civilian cargo for India and the United Arab Emirates as well as military equipment for Iraq, Iran's adversary in the 11-month-old Gulf war. The ship was now being held at the southern port of Bandar Abbas.

A foreign ministry statement broadcast by Tehran radio said the Danish vessel intended to deliver arms for Iraq through Kuwait ports. It warned that Iran would take "decisive measures" against any country providing such facilities in future.

Colombia, Uruguay to join Sinai unit

CAIRO, Aug. 12 (R) — Colombia and Uruguay have agreed to contribute troops to a multinational peacekeeping force that will police the Sinai peninsula after Israel withdraws next April, Egyptian officials said Tuesday.

Colombia will send one battalion to join

the 1,000 U.S. soldiers already committed to the force, they said. Uruguay had not said how many men it would send. The Uruguayan agreement came in a telegram sent to Cairo by the Egyptian embassy in Montevideo Tuesday the officials said.

Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Boutros Ghali toured Latin America last month to recruit contingents for the force, which will operate under the U.S.-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

In Montevideo, Foreign Minister Estanislao Valdes said Uruguay's decision was in response to a request from Egypt, Israel and the United States which signed an agreement on the structure of the 2,000-strong force last month after lengthy negotiations.

Fiji has also agreed to take part and Argentina is considering an Egyptian request for a contingent. The force will be stationed inside Egyptian territory at Rafah on the Mediterranean coast and at Sharm-el-Sheikh, a strategic base at the peninsula's southern tip.

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Israel questions editor for pro-PLO report

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (AP) — The editor of the Arab newspaper *Al Fajr* was questioned by Israeli military authorities Tuesday in an ongoing investigation of interviews it was published supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization, Israel television said.

Editor Hanna Siniori was questioned by Israeli authorities in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah about an interview with town mayor Karam Khalaf that appeared in the newspaper Saturday. Maj. Gen. Danny Matt, coordinator of occupation affairs, told Israel television he had not ruled out discontinuing the newspaper, but said that the affair was still under investigation.

Khalaf has been questioned over an interview he gave the newspaper in which he reportedly said the PLO represented the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank, occupied in the 1967 Mideast war, and called on them to resist Israeli military authority. Israeli military rule prohibits any show of support for the PLO.

Khalaf was questioned after the interview appeared in the English-language edition of the newspaper two weeks ago, and was interrogated again Monday when a translated version appeared in the Arabic-language edition. Israeli military authorities allege the newspaper incites the Palestinian population against Israel.

The owner of the newspaper, Mrs. Efak Ajlouny, arrived in the area from the United States for a first-hand view of the newspaper's continuing entanglements with the Israeli authorities, the television said.

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — South Yemen's minister of presidential affairs Abdul Aziz Abdul Wali arrived in Kuwait Tuesday carrying a message to Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah from Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

BAGHDAD, (SPA) The Arab Industrial Development Authority Council will hold its second session in mid-September here. The council's meeting which will be at the ministers of industry level, will discuss and prepare the administrative and financial regulations of the authority.

DAMASCUS, (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad Tuesday received a private American study group headed by former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders. The delegation and the Syrian leader discussed current Middle East issues, an official Syrian source said.

DACCA, (AFP) — An unidentified disease sweeping south and southwestern districts of Bangladesh in the past few months has so far claimed 27 lives and affected 6,000 other persons, reliable sources said today.

Reagan's decision on planes for Israel likely next week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is expected to decide early next week to lift the three-month suspension of jet aircraft deliveries to Israel, administration sources said Tuesday.

In the meantime, the president broadened the suspension to prevent shipments of all sophisticated aircraft. The immediate result was to add two F-15s to the list of 10 previously suspended F-16s, a total of 12 planes. The deputy State Department spokesman, Alan Romberg, said the president will probably announce early next week whether to end the suspension, first imposed June 10 because of Israel's bombing of an Iraqi nuclear research center with U.S.-supplied aircraft.

Well-informed sources said they expect Reagan to lift the suspension, although they cautioned they couldn't be certain. A new outbreak of violence in the Middle East, involving Israel, could cause a further delay, in their view. However, the administration is encouraged that a July 24 ceasefire has been holding in Lebanon, the scene of recent fighting.

Arab-African congress to be held in Luanda

PARIS, Aug. 12 (AFP) — A joint Arab-African congress will be held in Luanda between Dec. 6 and 9 to deepen "the common fight against the alliance of imperialism, Zionism and reaction," organizers have announced here.

The main themes of the congress will be Palestine, cooperation for economic independence and Southern Africa. The congress is being organized in cooperation with the Congress of Arab Peoples, set up in 1977 by Algeria, Libya, South Yemen, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organization. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is among those expected to attend.

Begin denies reports on U.S. visit

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has denied reports that he planned to postpone his official visit to Washington scheduled for the first week in September, Israeli radio said Wednesday.

The report added that Begin would be accompanied by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who is anxious to get to know U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, and Interior Minister Yossef Burg, head of the Israeli team in stalled negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

It had been rumored that Begin would put off the visit following the U.S. decision to suspend deliveries of fighter planes to Israel. A foreign ministry source said Wednesday that Israeli ambassador in Washington Ephrayim Evron had been instructed to

ing between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

If Reagan does lift the suspension, the effect of Monday's action in expanding it will be only to delay the shipment of the two F-15s by a week or so. All F-16s have been temporarily grounded, both at home and abroad, because of mechanical problems. However, in the event Reagan decides to maintain the suspension, it could mean a halt to all aircraft deliveries to Israel, which relied on U.S. aircraft for its air force, for a longer period.

But one administration source said he didn't think anything drastic was intended. "My interpretation is that it's not a significant change. It's really a time consideration at this point." The State Department said in a written statement, that the suspension "is authorized by U.S. law and is duly consistent with U.S. rights under the sales contract with Israel."

"The president's statutory authority to make arms sales has always been regarded as necessarily implying the authority to include in agreements and sales contracts reasonable terms and conditions to protect U.S. interests," it added. However, the reasons for the suspensions have become increasingly murky in recent weeks.

The suspension originally was imposed June 1 against four F-16s because of Israel's use of U.S.-supplied aircraft in the bombing of an Iraqi nuclear research center. It was expanded to include another six F-16s July 17 after Israel bombed Beirut, also with U.S.-supplied aircraft.

Romberg didn't link the broadening of the suspension to any specific event and indicated it might only be because Reagan hasn't made his decision yet on whether to lift the earlier suspensions. He also said the decision on lifting the suspension doesn't depend on any specific action by Israel.

determine White House intentions on the fighters as quickly as possible.

However, the source said that even if the planes should be delivered soon, as a rumors in Washington suggest, Israeli-U.S. relations would take some while to recover from the shock. The source said that the issue would dominate Begin's Washington talks.

Agha Shahi to visit Gulf

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 12 (SPA) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi will be visiting five Gulf countries, Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE, Bahrain and Sultanate of Oman by the end of August, it was officially announced here Wednesday. Dates for the projected tour of Agha Shahi will be announced after his return from the United Nations in the third week of his month.

Heavy fighting reported from north Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — Towns and villages north of Kabul were the focus of "sharply increased" activity in the past week by Soviet and Afghan forces, a Western diplomatic source said Wednesday. (Related story on page 6).

Istalif, a tourist attraction before the fight for freedom began, and two other villages in the area were among targets in a reprisal campaign against pro-resistance communities, said the source, who declined to be identified. There was no word on casualties in Istalif, about 55 kms. north of the Afghan capital. An earlier report said there had been heavy loss of life during attacks on the nearby towns of Jabul-Es-Seraj, Serai-Ye-Khwaja and Kalakan.

Kabul residents spotted a large armored column heading north from the city Monday night, triggering speculation among Western diplomats that a sizable military operation would be launched soon against rebel strongholds. A government spokesman said here Tuesday that Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Firiyubin will visit Pakistan Aug. 24-27 for official talks on bilateral and regional issues.

The state-owned news agency report said that the Afghan crisis "would automatically come under discussion," but it requested editors to delete this sentence from its dispatch. No explanation was given. Soviet-Pakistani relations have been strained since the 1979 Soviet intervention in neighboring Afghanistan. The Soviet information office was ordered closed in Karachi, the country's biggest city, and the Soviet embassy here was requested to reduce its staff last year. However, trade links have been maintained and a Soviet-built steel plant was scheduled to open this month in Karachi.

Meanwhile, in Moscow, the Soviet Union has dismissed China's complaints over a Soviet-Afghan border treaty as without significance or consequence.

The treaty, signed by the Soviet and Afghan governments last June 16, delimited the two countries' common frontier along part of the Wakhan Sahel not far from the border with China. China, in a government statement issued a month later, said the agreement was invalid since it involved territory disputed by Peking and Moscow.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry statement issued Tuesday night said that the Soviet and Chinese border in the relevant area of the Pamir Mountains was established historically and formalized by an exchange of notes made at the end of last century. It added that Chinese statement was devoid of any legal or factual foundations and "can not and will not have any significance or consequences."

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Dutch still bargain for new government

THE HAGUE, Aug. 12 (R) — Eleven weeks of negotiations by Dutch politicians have yet to produce a new ruling coalition but have given rise to a growing number of cynics who say that it seems to make little difference whether there is a government or not.

Since last May's elections the defeated Liberal-Christian Democrat (CDA) coalition under Prime Minister Dries Van Agt has taken day-to-day decisions pending formation of a new coalition but the caretaker administration has been unable to implement major changes because of the uncertainty of its tenure.

Furthermore, the energies of major political figures are concentrated on bargaining for a new coalition rather than on governing. Theoretically, the Netherlands should have had a new government as soon as results of the election were declared, but a scrupulous proportional representation system has made lengthy coalition bargaining something of a national institution.

As individual parties rarely get a clear majority, marriages of convenience are the rule in Dutch politics, and they take a lot of negotiating. The May elections returned 10 different parties to the 150-seat lower house, giving 17 seats to the four major parties but offering no obvious combinations for a new coalition government.

The Christian Democrats, led by Van Agt, lost one seat and the Liberals two, leaving the coalition only two seats short of a majority. But the other two major parties, Labor and the left-of-center Democrats '66 said they would not work with the rightist Liberals.

43 groups permitted to attempt Himalayas

KATMANDU, Aug. 12 (R) — Nepal disclosed Wednesday that a record 43 mountaineering expeditions have been given permission to attempt its Himalayan peaks in the two-month autumn climbing season beginning Sept. 1.

This year, as for the past 10 years the largest number of teams — 13 — will come from Japan, according to the list of permits published by Tourism Ministry. A total of 14 countries will send teams. The others are from Australia, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, South Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, The United States and Yugoslavia. Four more applications are pending.

Japanese teams will attempt two unclimbed mountains north of Katmandu — the 7,230-meter Langtang Ri and the 6,300-meter Langshisha Ri.

Van Agt's only hope of continuing with the old coalition was to call on the three small conservative religious parties, which altogether hold six seats, giving them a key political role. Commentators said this would have aggravated rifts in the CDA, itself a sometimes uneasy alliance of one Catholic and two Protestant parties.

After the May election, Queen Beatrix appointed two politicians, known as "informateurs", to start the customary process of sounding out during which possible political combinations are explored.

A coalition of the CDA, with 48 seats, and Labor, with 44, would have produced a solid majority, but both parties courted the up-and-coming Democrats '66 to act as a buffer between them. The two "informateurs" from the Christian Democrats, later joined by a third from the Labor Party, spent two months trying to find common ground between the three parties before drawing up a final draft coalition agreement last week.

The process has been slowed down considerably by the Dutch ideal of consensus politics, whereby party leaders refer all proposals back to their parties, who make their amendments for further negotiation and approval.

After more than two months of wheeling and dealing between the leaders, the queen last week appointed two "informateurs" to put together a cabinet based on the draft agreement. Political commentators had expected one "informateur" to be Van Agt, since he was approved by all three parties involved to head the new coalition.

But one job went to the Labor Party deputy floor leader, who had been an "informateur" and the other to Johan Kremer, a top Christian Democrat provincial administrator almost unknown in The Hague but now referred to as the CDA's crown prince. Kremer did not figure on the CDA electoral list offered to voters in May, but political commentators are speculating that he could be a surprise candidate for the post of prime minister.

The Dutch are to decide in December whether to take 48 new U.S. nuclear Cruise missiles agreed by NATO in 1979. With both Labor and the Christian Democrats deeply divided on the issue, the government is widely expected to postpone its decision.

Meanwhile, many people are wondering if the current system will produce a cabinet in time to put together the 1982 budget, due on Sept. 15, let alone make a decision on the missiles, talks after the 1977 elections took nearly seven months to produce the present outgoing coalition.

Africans plan fresh moves over Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 12 (R) — African states Wednesday prepared to mount a new onslaught against South Africa for failing to grant independence to Namibia (Southwest Africa).

They asked Tuesday night for an emergency special session of the U.N. General Assembly under a U.N. Procedure aimed at bypassing vetoes in the Security Council. The session, planned at a summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in June, will probably begin Sept. 3 and continue until just before the start of this year's regular assembly on Sept. 15.

The African states and their supporters were expected to renew their calls for the imposition of sweeping sanctions against South Africa, which administers Namibia in defiance of U.N. resolutions demanding independence for the territory.

The assembly last recommended sanctions against South Africa at a session in March this year. But the issue ran into vetoes cast by the United States, Britain and France when it was taken up in the Security Council, the only U.N. body empowered to enforce punitive measures.

The three Western powers, together with Canada and West Germany, have been trying to secure the implementation of a Namibia independence plan endorsed by the U.N. three years ago. The plan calls for a large U.N. military and civilian force in the territory, a phased withdrawal of South African troops and U.N. supervised elections.

But South Africa has raised several objections, accusing the U.N. of bias in favor of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which is waging a bush war against Pretoria's rule from bases in neighboring Angola.

Over 60 Viet refugees die of starvation at sea

BANGKOK, Aug. 12 (R) — More than 60 Vietnamese boat people died of starvation at sea last month after their boats drifted off course, refugee organization sources said Wednesday.

Heavy monsoon weather in the South China Sea also caused a sharp fall in the number of Vietnamese refugees arriving by boat in Thailand, refugee officials said.

Thailand has tried to stem the flow of refugees, which rose earlier in the year. It said last month that boat refugees arriving after Aug. 15 would be put in detention camps and would not be eligible for resettlement abroad.

But Western diplomats based in Vietnam said only bad weather would deter Vietnamese from leaving. Most were fleeing for economic reasons, officials said.

Floods render thousands homeless in India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — The flooding Ghaghra River has swamped 250 villages in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, chasing nearly 27,000 residents from their homes, the United News of India (UNI) agency reported.

Vast stretches of cropland were inundated after the river, swollen by torrential monsoon rains, overran its banks in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district, the report said. Hundreds of boats were Tuesday pressed into emergency

rescue operations in flood-swept areas, UNI said, adding that nearly 11,000 marooned inhabitants were evacuated to higher ground.

In the neighboring state of Bihar, the Ganges and its tributaries flooded scores of additional villages in the districts of Darbhanga, Saharsa, Purnea and Champaran, UNI reported. At least 4,000 persons were rendered homeless by the flooding, the agency said.

Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra

said the floods have displaced nearly four million people and damaged or wrecked tens of thousands of homes. Property and standing crops worth \$111 million also have been destroyed, he reported.

Meanwhile, authorities in the western state of Gujarat urged residents of four villages to head for high ground after the overflowing Bhandara dam threatened to unleash flash floods, UNI reported.

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Regional intervention

Haig advises Soviet restraint

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said the Soviet Union's intervention in regional conflicts had produced an international backlash which was worsening its foreign relations prospects.

Haig, who was speaking Tuesday to the American Bar Association convention in New Orleans, suggested that if Moscow

began to show greater restraint, it could look forward to a "more stable and beneficial relationship" with the United States and other countries.

He said the Reagan administration had already made more than 50 direct contacts with senior Kremlin diplomats. "In the absence of such restraint, our military capability, our alliances and our friendships will enable us to protect our interests," the secretary said.

His comments were one of the most extensive administration assessments to date of U.S.-Soviet relations. Haig criticized what he called Moscow's policy of interventionism and said: "Perhaps predictably, the Soviet attempt to alter the balance of power has produced a backlash."

China had become the Soviet Union's implacable opponent and "Moscow has earned the enmity and fear of non-aligned states through such actions as the occupation of Afghanistan and support for Vietnam's subjugation of Kampuchea," he said. "This backlash comes at a time when Soviet prospects are changing for the worse," he added.

"The decade of the eighties therefore promises to be less attractive for Moscow," he said. Responding to European criticism of

apparent U.S. lack of communication with the Soviet Union, Haig said there had been "over 50 direct contacts" between senior diplomats of the two powers over the last six months.

"And we have prepared a concrete agenda of the outstanding problems between us in these areas: geopolitical issues, arms control and economic relations," he said. But he added: "The American people have shown that they will not support unequal treaties," apparently referring to the shelved Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II). "They will not accept military inferiority."

The United States had proposed opening formal talks with Moscow before the end of this year on setting "equal, verifiable limits" to nuclear weapons based in Europe and had also initiated intense preparations and studies before resuming SALT talks. "It is now up to the Soviet government to put its rhetoric of cooperation into action," he said.

Haig said the most persistent troubles in U.S.-Soviet relations arose from Soviet intervention in regional conflicts. "Unless we can come to grips with this dimension of Soviet behavior, everything else in our bilateral relations will be undermined," he said.



LITTLE OLD MAN: Eight-year-old Francis Geringer of Orkney, South Africa, suffers from a rare disease that prematurely ages the muscles, physical appearance and cardiovascular system. (AP wirephoto)

Polish pilot foils youth's hijack bid

WARSAW, Aug. 12 (R) — An 18-year-old Polish youth has tried to hijack a Polish airliner to West Berlin after holding a knife to a passenger's throat but was overpowered when the aircraft landed in Warsaw. Polish television reported that the youth grabbed a girl among the 18 passengers on board a flight from Katowice to Gdansk via Warsaw and demanded to fly to West Berlin.

It quoted the pilot as saying he kept changing direction to trick the hijacker into thinking he had landed in the West. At Warsaw, police boarded the Soviet-built Antonov aircraft Tuesday while it was still taxiing and the hijacker was overpowered. Police quoted him as saying he would have killed his hostage had he known he was still in Poland.

Tuesday's incident was the third attempt to hijack a Polish plane in less than a month. Last week a 27-year-old Pole failed to divert a plane also flying from Katowice to Gdansk.

No details were given but PAP said he was arrested in Gdansk when the plane landed there. In July a 21-year-old Pole succeeded in hijacking an Antonov-24 with more than 50 persons on board to West Berlin where he was arrested and charged with air piracy.

Bolivian cabinet sworn into office

LA PAZ, Aug. 12 (R) — A new Bolivian cabinet was sworn into office Tuesday night by the three-man junta now ruling the country. The junta comprising the commanders in chief of the army, navy and air force took power last week after a military uprising forced the resignation of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza as president.

The cabinet of 10 military officers and seven civilians included seven members of the cabinet. Foreign Affairs Minister Mario Rolon Anaya and Defense Minister Armand Reyes Villa were among those retaining their posts.

Arrive in Argentina

Chile expels 4 politicians

SANTIAGO, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — Chile has expelled four former prominent politicians who had been arrested on charges of violating the country's ban on party political activity, the Interior Ministry said.

They were escorted Tuesday to Chile's border with Argentina by helicopter. When they crossed the frontier by bus, Argentine officials said they were taken into preventive detention pending a decision on their situation. The four include Jaime Castillo Velasco, head of Chile's Human Rights Commission and a vice president of the Christian Democrat Party.

The others were left-wing politician Alberto Joz and Carlos Briones and Orlando Canturias, who both served in the cabinet of the late Socialist President Salvador Allende. An Interior Ministry communique said they were accused of supporting a national union movement which it described as a well-

known Marxist organization.

Gen. Augusto Pinochet abolished political parties after he came to power in 1973 in an army coup in which Allende was killed.

Gen. Pinochet said after he was sworn in as president in March under a new constitution that there was no possibility of political parties reforming in the foreseeable future. Presidential elections are due for 1989, but the constitution bars left-wing candidates, and Gen. Pinochet is widely tipped to stand again.

Meanwhile, the Chilean government banned the local media from reporting acts of terrorism or political extremism in the country.

In Buenos Aires, leading Argentinian Christian-Democrats requested an interview with Foreign Minister Oscar Camillion to demand that the four be freed. The politicians said that they could also try to make arrangements with the minister for the Chileans to travel to a third country.

Urges end to Maze fasts

Dublin minister raps IRA

DUBLIN, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Irish Foreign Minister John Kelly, in the new government's harshest attack on the Irish Republican Army (IRA), to date, has demanded an end to the Ulster Republican prisoners' hunger strike and accused the IRA of hypocrisy and exploiting the government's own ends.

He made the statements Tuesday in a speech to members of the Fine Gael Party, which together with the Labor Party forms a ruling coalition which took power two months ago.

Kelly said the Irish government had asked Britain to try and reach an agreement with the Republicans. But the Republicans and their "satellites" were "trying to harangue this (Irish) government into acts and gestures which they think will advance their aims," he said.

"In other words they wish to exploit for their own purposes the legitimacy of the Dublin administration whose acts and gestures will command abroad a respect which no other body in the country can command," the foreign minister added.

Kelly said the government was telling the IRA: "Call off your campaign of violence, cease the shooting and the bombing and the intimidation, halt the cruelties that have shamed the name of Ireland and its flag." (On Sunday — the day after Thomas McIlwee, 23, became the ninth hunger striker to die in Maze Prison near Belfast — Deputy Premier Michael O'Leary accused British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of indifference and said the problem would have been solved long ago by any other prime minister.)

Meanwhile a brother and sister of two of the dead hunger strikers met with Labor Party representatives in London. At a news conference they said that members of strikers' families were trying to set up talks with representatives of political parties, unions and members of the British government.

Malachy McCreesh, brother of Raymond McCreesh who died May 21 after 60 days without food, and Nora McIlwee, whose brother Tom on Saturday became the ninth victim of the strike, said that Alex Kitson, president of Labor's committee on Northern Ireland, had "basically listened" to them. "I would not say he was sympathetic," commented McCreesh, adding: "He said he would take into consideration what we had said."

In Sydney, three demonstrators outside the British consulate general here continued to wave banners Wednesday in what they described as "a rotating hunger strike in solidarity with Northern Ireland." Three persons of Irish extraction have been distributing pamphlets for several days, but one demonstrator, who described himself as a hunger striker, has withdrawn on medical advice.

In Paris, militants of the Communist-led union CGT Wednesday protested against British policy in Northern Ireland, staging a series of demonstrations at the union tourist attractions in Paris. Unionists distributed leaflets in French and English against British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. A number of British tourists were seen tearing up the handbills.

Carrying \$3.5m radar equipment

Runaway U.S. balloon shot down

CUDJOE KEY, Florida, Aug. 12 (AP) — The U.S. Air Force shot down a runaway military balloon carrying \$3.5 million worth of radar equipment Tuesday after it was located over the Gulf of Mexico, officials said.

The experimental 180-foot (54-meter) balloon, nicknamed "Airman Pat Albert," was downed by missiles fired from an F-4 aircraft about 264 kms west-northwest of Key West after airman spotted it at an altitude of 25,000 feet. Lt. Susan L. Hankey said from Fort Lee Air Force Station, Virginia.

The helium-filled balloon was destroyed "to preclude an airspace safety hazard," said Ms. Hankey, spokesman for the 20th Norad region air division. There were plans to retrieve the downed balloon, she said.

The balloon, used to watch for low-flying aircraft intruding into U.S. airspace, snapped a 12,000-foot cable as it was pulled home Monday evening to Cudjoe Key Air Force station spokesman Sgt. Larry Reetz said.

Fishermen spied the drifting balloon and tried to chase it. One group managed to snare the dangling cable as it dragged through Florida Bay between the lower Florida Keys and the Gulf of Mexico, but their pleasure craft overturned.

The crew of a coast guard cutter also tried to secure the tether, but it snapped, Reetz said. The balloon itself was valued at \$600,000, but the radar equipment it carried would cost \$3.5 million to replace, officials said. The project is officially known as "Seek Skyhook."

Spain, U.K. may discuss Gibraltar

MADRID, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Talks between Britain and Spain over the status of Gibraltar — a British colony since 1704 — could resume next month, sources close to the Foreign Ministry said here. Spanish pique over the recent visit there by Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales, has served to highlight the problem and the need to resume negotiations, sources added.

The border post between the rock and Spain on the Peninsula's southern tip could be reopened shortly after negotiations began, diplomatic sources suggested Tuesday. The border was closed by the late Spanish leader Francisco Franco in 1969 following a referendum on the colony's status. Out of a total electorate of 12,762, 12,138 voted to retain the British connection, while 44 voted for Spain.

In April last year, Britain and Spain agreed to open negotiations along with the border. But no further steps were taken. King Juan

Carlos of Spain turned down an invitation to the marriage of Prince Charles last month after it was announced the royal couple would stop over in Gibraltar on their honeymoon.

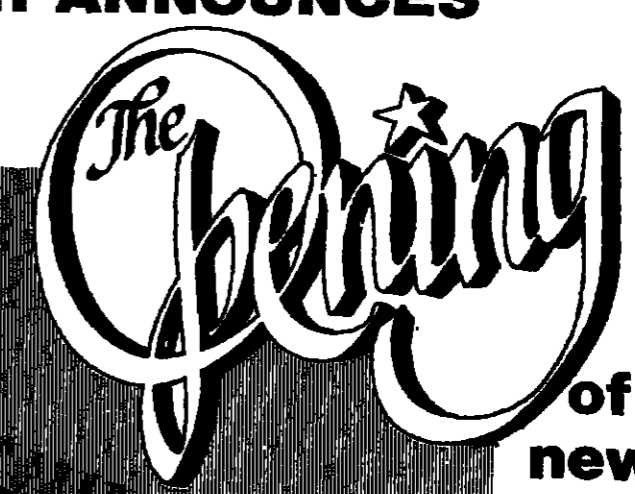
Danish press strike off

COPENHAGEN, Denmark Aug. 12 (AP) — Newspaper publishers and striking journalists have approved a new two-year contract, ending a series of strikes and lockouts that have crippled much of the Danish press for the past 20 weeks.

News of the breakthrough was announced Tuesday by a government mediator, Mette Kodoed Bjoerensen, who said that a new contract proposal had been approved unanimously by publishers and by about 70 percent of the journalists. It solved the latest of the conflicts, a journalists' had idled nine provincial newspapers since June 1 and two Copenhagen dailies since July 1.

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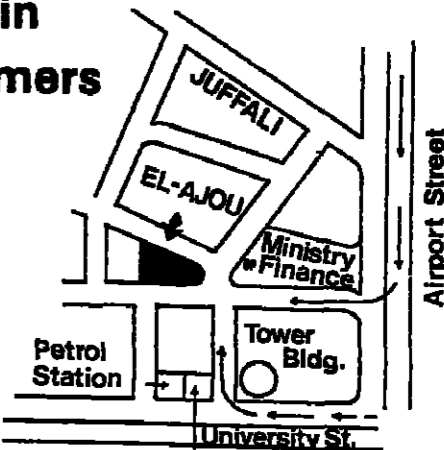
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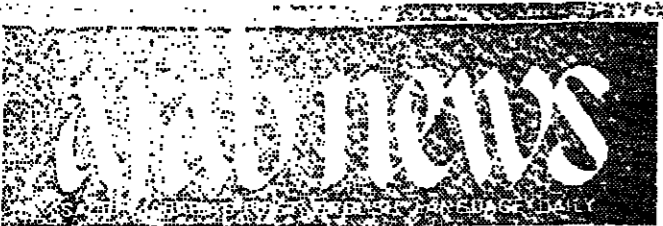
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Strikes vs. strong government

By Nicholas Von Hoffman

NEW YORK — A most peculiar year for labor relations. Everybody making over 40 grand a year is going out on strike.

It is a conviction shared by all strong governments, be it Washington or Moscow, the functionaries may not lift a hand against duly constituted power.

Public or private sector, the air controllers' union ignored an important maxim: never call a strike if the populace is against you.

In fact, their fellow unionists have been desultory in their expressions of support. Unions representing private sector workers make uneasy comrades with their public sector counterparts.

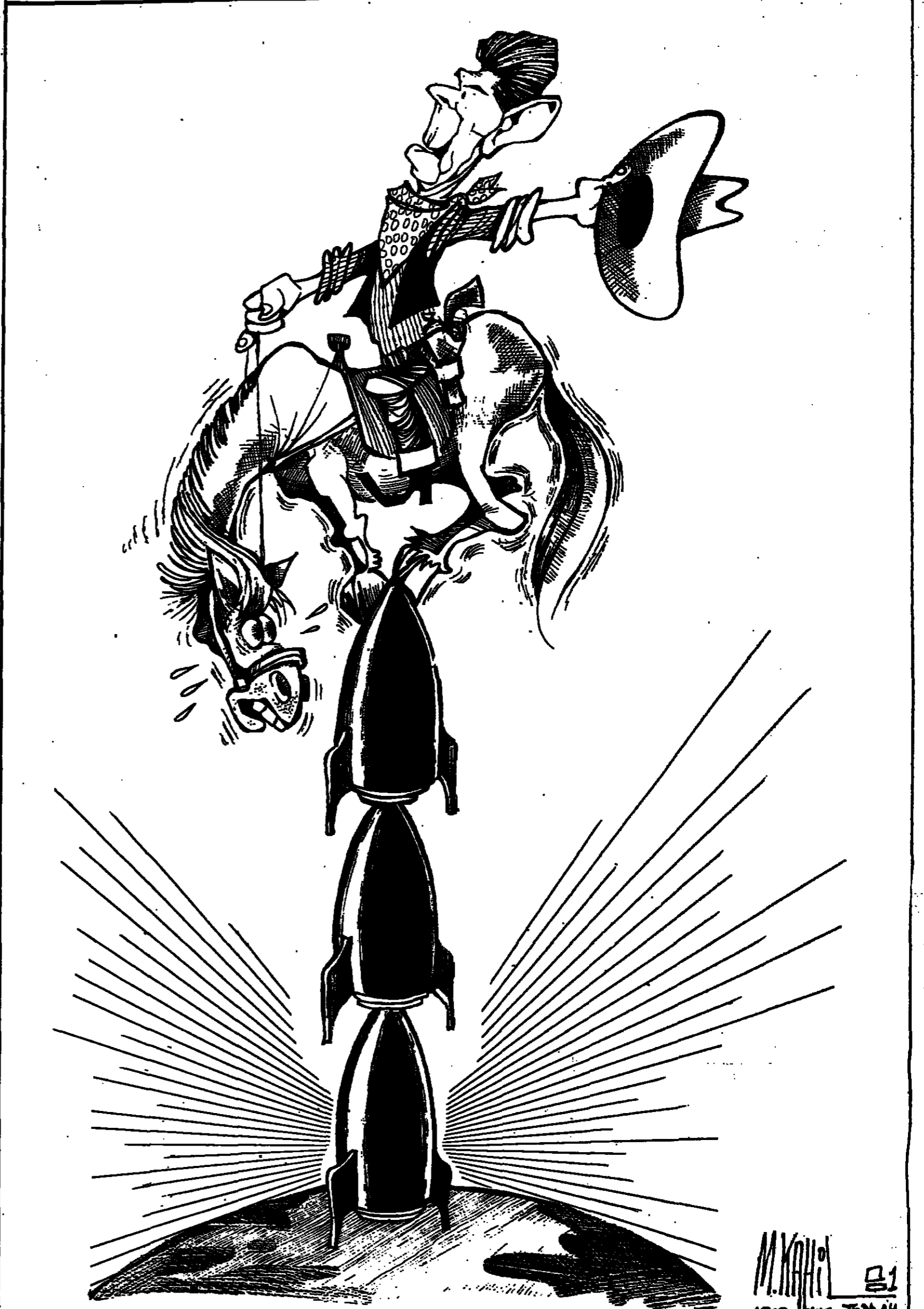
The air controllers are trying to pull off the kind of strike that worked relatively well between 1880 and 1920.

It is quite a gamble this, to try and win with an old fashioned, tightly held skill monopoly.

In actuality, though, American unions haven't been able to make it on their own.

Over the years the provisions of the Wagner Act have been softened, making it more difficult to organize workers and win strikes.

Instead they have seen themselves as free floating private sector kids with no ongoing loyalty to any party.



Russian tanks fail to beat Mujahedin

By Aernout Van Lynden

PAGHMAN, Afghanistan — For two-and-a-half days during a fierce, seemingly endless battle, Soviet and Afghan army units backed by scores of tanks, armored patrol cars and helicopters, tried this month to end Mujahedin control of the Paghman area.

It was by far the largest operation of its kind in Paghman this year. Infantry and tanks were dropped by helicopter to the north of the rebel positions.

have become accustomed to the daily threat of such Soviet operations, and are able to react quickly. Their resistance simply proved too strong.

Casualties were high. Forty Mujahedin were killed and more than twice that number wounded.

Signs of this were already clearly visible before the attack. Every village bears its scars of previous helicopter attacks.

It is difficult to assess Russian casualties, but they too must have been high.

The haunting of resistance so near to the center of the regime Moscow is backing is more than an irritation to the Russians.

In the month I have been here I can recall only two nights when the sky was not lit up with flares and red tracer bullets.

There can be no doubting their important effect on morale in and around the capital.

REAGAN'S DECISION

The American embargo on the F-16 planes promised to Israel now adds up to the following: Four after the raid on the nuclear research center Baghdad; six after the massacre of civilians the Israeli Air Force perpetrated in Beirut; and a last batch of four for good measure.

America's moves in this context are still officially described as "provisional", with President Reagan due to make a final decision on the matter next week.

But on the other hand, and according to a report by London's prestigious Financial Times, Reagan and Sadat had concluded a five-year bilateral defense agreement.

Egypt in the meanwhile has already started to receive consignments of the 311 M-60 tanks and over 800 armored troop carriers which the Americans are to supply.

Observers see these parallel developments as indicating America's wish to tell Israel that there are others it can befriend in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Wednesday reported in their lead story that King Khaled has sent emissaries to the Gulf states to acquaint their leaders with the Kingdom's current political move.

Newspapers frontpaged Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's visit to Brazil which began Wednesday on the conclusion of his official talks with Argentinian leaders in Buenos Aires.

The visit of Sheikh Ahmed Muhammad Zabarrah, the minister of North Yemen, and his audiences with the King and meeting with other officials occupied front-page columns in the newspapers.

In an editorial, Al Medina noted that, if officials of the U.S. administration realized that there is no difference between the Arabs and America, except that on the Palestine problem, they would have thought of removing the burden and enhanced the opportunities for the growth of bilateral relations.

Al Jazirah observed that, despite all its bias towards Israel, the U.S. cannot ignore Europe's stance on finding a peaceful solution to the Middle East problem.

paper expressed its total confidence that West Europe, Britain and the U.S. are the major powers of the world which can create their influence and help to establish peace in the Middle East.

On the other hand, Al-Bilad commented on the Kingdom's policy of consultation in the light of King Khaled's messages to the leaders of the Arab states of the Gulf.

On the same subject, Al-Nadwa commented that the royal initiative has been made at a time when the nation is facing serious threats to its peace and stability.



BEGIN MUSES: "Instead of creating new settlements, I should rather clear the whole region with a neutron bomb and rehabilitate the Jews." - Al Medina

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TV segment is biased; 'media watch' begins

By Jeanette Garrett
HOUSTON Bureau

HOUSTON — An ABC Television 20/20 program titled "If You Were the President" has been denounced as "a cheap shot at Arabs and Palestinians" by a U.S. organization founded to fight stereotyped images of American Arabs.

According to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), the special 20/20 segment aired Aug. 6 was "the most recent illustration of the deep and multi-layered anti-Arab bias that prevails at ABC-TV."

Billed by the network as a simulated crisis about coping with terrorism, the show resulted from a two-day crisis management seminar conducted last year by a Washington, D.C., research institute, the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. ABC gave the center a grant to sponsor the "policy game," and in return was allowed to film and broadcast an edited version.

Policy gaming, as the exercise is called, goes on frequently at places like the State Department and to Pentagon to "sensitize government officials to the sorts of difficult decisions that have to be made at a time of crisis," says Robert Kupperman, an executive director of the center. In such a game, a scenario is presented, a certain set of events transpires to which a group called the government team has to react. In this case, the government team simulates the National Security Council staff and they have two days to meet the crisis.

In the 20/20 program, the hypothetical crisis to be managed is this: A group of terrorists has hijacked an oil tanker, bringing aboard enough explosives to destroy the ship which is anchored in the New York harbor, off the tip of Manhattan Island.

They threaten to kill the 30-member crew of the tanker, release the oil into the harbor

and then blow up the tanker unless the U.S. government meets their demands: Immediate support of a change in United Nations resolution 242 to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people; creation of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip; and a gift of \$1 billion to the new state from the U.S. government.

In making its demands, the group is attributed with the following statement: "If these conditions are not met, we will blow up this tanker and we will explode, hour by hour, a wide range of Zionist imperialist facilities in Europe and the USA."

The list of demands leads the players in the game, former and present high-level government officials, to identify the group as "the more violent-prone wing of the Palestine liberation group—the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine."

"What offended me most about the show," says ADC Executive Director James Zogby, "is that it took the legitimate and almost worldwide recognized demands of Palestinians and reduced them to an object to be toyed with in a grade B movie."

The ADC, says Zogby, will add this latest ABC program to a growing list of complaints filed with the Federal Communications Commission about the network's coverage of Arabs and Arab issues. The organization already has protested an earlier 20/20 program titled "The Holy War," which the ADC claims did not present a fair picture of the Middle East conflict.

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Dead 72 years now

Geronimo can't go home

By Charles Hillinger

FORT BOWIE, Ariz., (LAT) — "It is time the American government let Geronimo go home," Veteran national park ranger Bill Hoy insists. Hoy advocates moving the Apache chief's body from Fort Sill, Okla., to his old frontier fort in the heart of Geronimo country.

Geronimo died at 85 at Fort Sill in 1909 after being held as a prisoner of war for 23 years. Hoy, 53, has been ranger in charge of the ruins of Fort Bowie ever since it was set aside as a national historic site 10 years ago.

Fort Bowie was established in 1862 only to secure control of southeastern Arizona from the Chiricahua Apaches led by Cochise and, after his death, by Geronimo. The fort lasted 31 years until 1894 when it was abandoned. Its purpose was outlived. There were no more Indians to fight.

It was here in the mountains of southeastern Arizona that Geronimo was born and lived 62 years until his surrender.

"From the time he and his small guerrilla band of 17 warriors surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles in 1886 and were shipped out of Arizona by rail car until the day he died, Geronimo continued to beg to go home," Hoy says.

When Geronimo had a face-to-face meeting at Fort Sill with Miles 12 years after his capture, the Apache chief pleaded:

"The acorns and pinon nuts, the quail and the wild turkey, the giant cactus and the palo verde — they all miss me. I miss them. I want to go back to them."

The general told Geronimo: "The men and women of Arizona don't miss you. They can sleep now at night with no fear that Geronimo will come and kill them."

In Angie Debo's Book, "Geronimo's love for his mountain homeland was the unchanging sentiment of his life."

"It is my land, my home, my father's land to which I ask to be allowed to return," Geronimo said.

"I want to spend my last days there and be buried among those mountains."

Radars makes iron industry more efficient

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — Radar is now being used for measuring materials inside blast furnaces that will make the iron industry more efficient and productive. There is an optimum height for the iron ore, sinter, coke and limestone material inside the blast furnaces. If it is less, the furnace will not perform at its maximum, and extreme cases, can be damaged.

Conventional electromechanical measuring rods have been used for measuring but they require considerable maintenance. The radar unit, however, is not only more reliable, but has no parts installed inside the furnace and thus needs less service. When the "burden" falls below optimum height, the radar automatically signals a control computer calling for more material to be added to the furnace.

Developed by RCA Laboratories in conjunction with Bethlehem Homer Research Laboratories, the radar measures burden height changes over a range of at least 35 feet, five feet more than conventional rods, and has a measurement accuracy of six inches. Another advantage is that, unlike the rods which have to be raised during loading, the radar allows for continuous operation.

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30 YEARS OF SERVICE: Three U.S. Consulate employees in Dhahran were recently honored by Consul General James Elms (center) who presented them with plaques and pins. Yousef Mourad, Hassan Mutawa and Mohsen Asfour were employed as skilled technicians when the consulate was built in 1951. (Photo by Kay Hardy Campbell)

Sea law treaty finalized

U.S. objections shock conferees

By W. Joseph Campbell

GENEVA, Switzerland, (AP) — The president of the U.N. conference on the law of the sea indicates that the rest of the world may conclude its treaty next year even if the United States holds back. The conference president, Ambassador Tommy P.B. Koh of Singapore, said that United States participation is desirable but not crucial to an effective treaty governing use of the seas and their riches. Non-adherence by the United States, he said, would be a fatal flaw.

Negotiations have been stalled since the Reagan administration ordered in March a detailed review of the 180-page informal draft treaty that the sea law conference has pieced together in twice yearly meetings since 1974. The review could result in a U.S. demand for revision of major agreements reached in years of tedious negotiations.

Informing the 150-nation conference of "tentative conclusions" of the administration's review, chief U.S. delegate James L. Malone asked the talks be reopened on the longest and most intricate portion of the text, the section about ocean-floor mining.

Malone cited numerous reservations about the agreed-to formula to set up a U.N. international seabed authority which would regulate and participate in the potentially lucrative mining of seabed minerals. Consortia of private companies would be required, under the formula, to share technology with the U.N. mining enterprise, pay rents on minerals and royalties on minerals extracted, and adhere to internationally fixed production ceilings.

A treaty containing such provisions, Malone said, would not be ratified by the U.S. Senate. Lamenting the difficulty of conducting what amount to "parallel negotiations" with the U.S. Senate, Koh said that if American misgivings cannot be resolved expeditiously, or if the Reagan administration insists that sections on seabed mining

must be rewritten, the urge "would be irresistible to the overwhelming majority of the conference to complete the treaty."

He said a move to end talks and conclude a treaty without the United States is unlikely in Geneva, talks are scheduled until Aug. 28, with the option of continuing until Sept. 4. Delegates have been meeting to assess implications of Malone's speech conference

sources have said that accepting the American request would probably prolong talks by two to three years.

Koh said that the group of 77, which represents more than 100 developing countries and a majority of the nations at the conference, was staggered by the range of objections Malone cited and was disturbed that he recommended no specific solutions to U.S. difficulties.



FILM EPIC: The latest film based on ancient legends of Greek mythology is called "Clash of the Titans." It stars Harry Hamlin as Perseus who is shown here ready to enter the den of Medusa. (AP)

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McEnroe advances in comfort

Waltke surprises Connors

MONTREAL, Aug. 12 (AP) — Another seed in the \$200,000 Player's International for the Canadian Open Men's Tennis Championship bit the dust Tuesday when unseeded and unheralded Trey Waltke of Los Angeles stunned third-seeded Jimmy Connors 6-4, 6-3.

Waltke, currently 52nd on the Association of Tennis Professionals world computer rankings, kept Connors, ranked third, off balance with a splendid mixture of hard volleys and tantalizing drop shots.

Connors, 28, made numerous unforced errors throughout the match but seemed to be on the comeback trail midway through the second set when he rallied from a 0-3 deficit to tie the set 3-3.

Connors, a three-time U.S. Open champion and former Wimbledon single's titleholder, stormed off the court after the setback and did not attend post-match interviews.

Top-seeded John McEnroe breezed to a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Sweden's Per Hjertquist. The highly-volatile McEnroe used his powerful serve and deft cross-court shots to out the 21-year-old Hjertquist, but said afterwards that he did not feel sharp.

"I hadn't picked up a racket in two and a half weeks after I won at Wimbledon and I'm really just starting to get back into it," said the 22-year-old McEnroe.

Asked if Connors' stunning setback enhanced his chances in the tournament, McEnroe displayed the temper that has been his trademark over the years. "I only worry about myself," McEnroe said. "I don't have anything to prove here. I'm just going to play the best I can and take it round by round," he added. "It surprised me sure, but it surprises me whenever Jimmy goes out in the first round."

In other first-round matches Tuesday night, fourth-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia outlasted a stubborn Chris Lewis of New Zealand 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, while 16th-ranked Kevin Curren of South Africa defeated Canada's Glenn Michibata 6-4, 6-2. Sherwood Stewart, handed fellow American Todd Lundy a 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 setback.

In Cleveland, Ohio, Australia's Colin Dibley authored the largest upset thus far in the Volvo Grand Prix Western Open Tennis Tournament, downing second-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland.

Dibley stunned Fibak 6-4 in the first set, lost the second set 2-6, then rallied to take the third set 6-3.

Meanwhile, Gene Mayer of the United States, the No. 1 seed, easily defeated fellow countrymen Mike Bauer, 6-3, 6-3, and the third seed, Stan Smith (U.S.) had to struggle to get past Mike Cahill (U.S.) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Fifth-seeded Regina Marsikova of Czechoslovakia turned back unseeded Marjorie Blackwood of Canada 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 on the second day of the \$100,000 Central Fidelity Banks International.

The match was not without controversy. With the game score at deuce and the players tied at 3 games each, a linesman signalled an out call on a ball hit by Marsikova, but the umpire overruled the call. Because of the disagreement, the point had to be replayed.

On the second time around, Marsikova won the point and the next point for a service break that gave her a 4-3 lead.

Marsikova, seeing her first action along with four other seeded players, held serve in the next game and broke Blackwood again in the final game to capture the match.

Other sports glitter, but tennis is gold

NICE, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg earns \$6,600 an hour and is the most effective money-making machine sport has ever known.

That is one of the conclusions drawn by French journalist Julien Giarrizzi in a fascinating new book entitled *Sport and Money*. Giarrizzi arrives at this figure by adding up the money earned per year by the world's top tennis player in tournaments, exhibitions and through his many advertising contracts and dividing the total by the number of hours the super-Swede spends on court and in practice.

How much Bjorn Borg earns for his toils is just one of the many questions the author answers in his 170-page book. In Formula One, Grand Prix Motor-racing, for instance, the top-earners are a quartet composed of former world champion Mario Andretti of the U.S., Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, Gilles Villeneuve of Canada and reigning world champion Alan Jones of Australia.

Jones has the best contract of the lot earning \$830,000 a year with Williams. Andretti, on the other hand, gains the upper hand on outside contracts with takes him up to \$1.3 million a year.

Football, being a team sport, seldom offers the kind of rewards Grand Prix drivers earn, but near-legends such as Franz Beckenbauer and John Cruyff were earning over \$800,000 a year when they played in the U.S.

World cup star Mario Kempes of Argentina was on a contract worth \$330,000 a year with Spanish side Valencia until he returned home, while in France midfielder player Michel Platini of St. Etienne is the highest paid.

Platini earns \$330,000 a year and the club pay half his taxes. He also has various outside contracts such as the \$100,000 a sportswear company pay him for wearing their emblem and his total earnings for one year is over \$800,000.

In cycling triple-Tour de France winner



Bjorn Borg, the money-making machine Bernard Hinault may earn only \$100,000 in salary a year — less than either Jan Raas of the Netherlands or Francisco Moser of Italy — but he more than makes up for this in advertising lifting him to over \$300,000 a year.

It is in golf and tennis, however, that the most glittering fortunes are made according to Julien Giarrizzi.

Arnold Palmer, for instance, declared total earnings of \$2.6 million to the American tax office as far back as 1973. The "Golden Bear" Jack Nicklaus has won a total \$16 million since 1965.

The world's top golfer at the moment Tom Watson pocketed \$250,000 in tournament earnings in 1979, a figure which can be multiplied by eight once his advertising and publicity contracts are taken into account.

Tennis, writes Giarrizzi is big business and the rewards for the top players are fabulous. Wimbledon champion John McEnroe was the top on-court money-earner for 1980 amassing \$500,000, putting him ahead of Borg and Jimmy Connors.

Tacchini pay McEnroe \$330,000 per year, the same as Browning give Connors, while Ellesse pay Guillermo Vilas \$220,000.

But, it is Borg whose favors are still the most sought after. Fila pay him \$500,000 each year to wear their clothes, Donnay 600,000 to wear their rackets, Diadora \$220,000 to wear their shoes and VS\$25,000 to string his racket with their gut.

The author estimates that the Borg fortune, masterminded by American wizard Mark McCormack, is currently around the \$10 million mark. And it is not just the professional sports that benefit from the marriage of sport and money, he writes.

In French rugby, for example, there exists an unofficial understanding at club level that an average player will pocket around \$3,000 a year; a good player 5,000 and on international nearly 7,000.



OPENER: Servette's striker Pletzel on his way to notching the first goal for the Swiss side in their friendly match against Liverpool in Geneva Sunday. On the right is Liverpool's Alan Kennedy. Servette beat the European Cup winners 2-1.

Whitney answers Australian SOS

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Mike Whitney, a little-known, 22-year-old left-arm medium pace bowler, Wednesday answered an SOS to join the injury-hit Australian squad for Thursday's fifth Test against England at Old Trafford — an hour after he had started playing for Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.

Whitney, from New South Wales, is in England on an Esso cricket scholarship and plays for Fleetwood, in the Lancashire League, at weekends.

Australian team manager Fred Bennett, faced with injuries to key fast bowler Rodney Hogg and Geoff Lawson, rang Gloucestershire secretary Tony Brown at noon and Whitney set off for Manchester.

Gloucestershire's first innings against Hampshire had already been in progress an hour but Whitney, down to bat at No. 11 had not yet become involved, so Gloucestershire were given permission by the Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's to restore Sadi Mohammed to their team.

Before leaving Cheltenham, Whitney said, "I am feeling very nervous but just hope I get the chance to play against England."

Moonduster still ahead of the rest

PLYMOUTH, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Ireland's Moonduster was still the leading Admiral's Cup Yacht in the once again becalmed Fastnet Race late Tuesday afternoon.

She was closely followed by *Scaramouche* of the United States which was some way ahead of a small following group which included French yachts *Midnight Sun* and *Tahiti II*.

Toward the end of this afternoon the Admiral's Cup fleet competing in the fifth and most prestigious of the Admiral's Cup races were a few miles from the rock on the southern point of the Scilly islands.

All chances of maxi-yachts *Condor* and *Kialoa* of America breaking the record for the 605 mile race dropped with the wind Tuesday. The record of two days 23 hours 23, seconds, stays with Zeb Bell owner of *Condor*.

The leading maxi-yachts are now expected to arrive in Plymouth at about 23 hours this evening while the Admiral's Cuppers will probably not arrive before Wednesday morning.

Alan Green nets both for Tea Men

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, Aug. 12 (AP) — Alan Green of England scored twice Tuesday night, once in overtime, to lead the Jacksonville Tea Men to a 2-1 North American Soccer League triumph over the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Green's 13th goal of the season, at 44:29 of the first half, helped the Tea Men to what looked a 1-0 victory. But that was spoiled with 51 seconds left on the clock when striker Tedd Hamilton eluded a defender, shot a hard drive off the post and the ball deflected off Scottish Tea Man Tommy O'Hara into the goal.

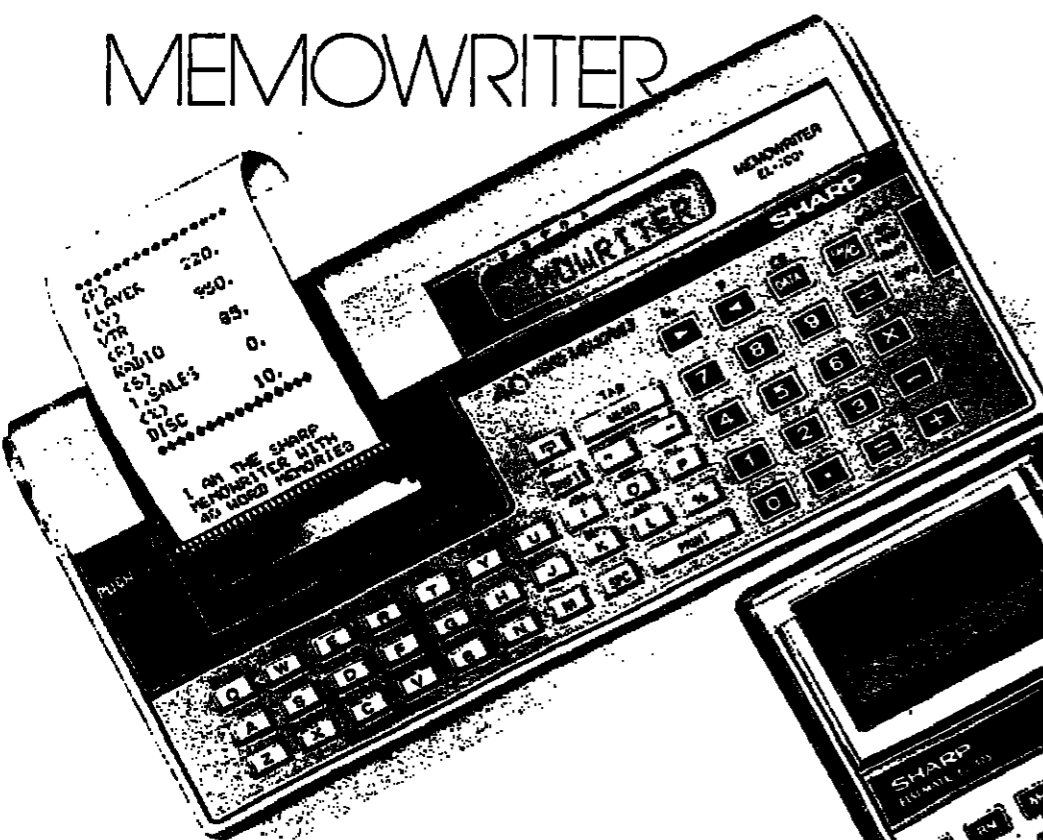
Green saved the game 33 seconds into the overtime period when he headed the ball past strikers goalkeeper Jan Van Beveren of Holland for the winning goal.

In an international friendly match in Geneva, Swiss team Servette Geneva prevailed over European Cup winners Liverpool by the odd goal in three. The teams were locked in a 1-1 draw at the breather.

On Sunday, Liverpool displayed pleasing understanding when they went on to trounce Swiss champions F.C. Zurich by three goals to nil.

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American League

Milwaukee records impressive victories

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP) — Cecil Cooper homered twice, doubled three times and singled twice as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Cleveland Indians, 6-5 and 6-1, Tuesday night, extending the Indians' losing streak to seven.

Cooper, who was 5-for-5 in the nightcap of 7-for-9 for the night, hit solo home runs in the first and sixth innings of the second game against loser Rick Waits, 5-5.

In the first game, Robin Young and Roy Oswalt hit solo homers to pace a 14-hit Milwaukee attack in Cleveland.

innings to help the Blue Jays break a 12-game losing streak with a 6-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Tickey Henderson and Dwayne Murphy each had two hits and scored two runs to ignite Oakland's offense as the A's held off Minnesota 6-5. The Kansas City Royals' game at Baltimore was rained out.

In the National League, Mike Easler snapped a 2-2 tie with a single and John Milner smashed a three-run homer to cap a five-run rally in the ninth inning that carried the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-3 victory over the Montreal Expos. The Pirates won despite being held to one hit for seven innings by Bill Gullickson.

Keith Moreland hit a bases-loaded single off Bruce Sutter in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. Moreland had sent the game in Philadelphia, into extra innings with a run-scoring single in the eighth.

Hubie Brooks and Doug Flynn knocked in key runs in the eighth inning and Brooks doubled home an insurance run in the ninth as the New York Mets defeated the Chicago Cubs 4-2 in an afternoon game. Trailing 2-1 going into the eighth, the Mets scored two runs on Brooks' sacrifice fly and a single by Flynn.

In late games on the west coast, Tom Paciorek backed Jim Beattie's pitching with a two-run double as the Seattle Mariners beat the California Angels 4-1.

Rufino Linares belted a two-run triple to help 42-year-old right-hander Gaylord Perry win the 295th game of his career as the Atlanta Braves downed the San Diego Padres 5-1.

Right-hander Tom Griffin pitched a six-inning and the San Francisco Giants bunched eight of their hits in the first three innings for a 3-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

Dan Driessen slugged a three-runner to lift the Cincinnati Reds to a 7-6 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Baseball Standings

American League		National League	
W	L	W	L
Baltimore	1	0	1,000
Brewers	1	0	1,000
Indians	1	0	500
Mariners	1	0	500
Mets	1	0	500
Pirates	1	0	500
Phillies	1	0	500
Royals	1	0	500
Tigers	1	0	500
Yankees	1	0	500

In World Lawn Bowling

English girls regain lead

TRONTO, Aug. 12 (AP) — England regained the lead in second-stage standings Tuesday after scoring eighth and ninth-round victories in pairs and triples competition at the Women's World Lawn Bowling Championships.

England won all four of its matches — it now has eight wins in triple competition and seven in pairs — to take the lead in overall second-stage standings with 30 points.

Hong Kong, the leading team in triples with six wins, is tied with Zimbabwe for second in overall standings with 28 points. Wales, in fourth, has 25 points after nine rounds of the second stage, while Canada, with four wins in triples and three in pairs, is 10th with 16 points.

The triples team of Mavis Spence, Betty Stubbing and Eileen Fletcher won both matches for England on Tuesday. In the eighth round, England downed Swaziland 18-17, the defeated New Zealand 17-16 in the ninth.

The Canadian triples team, consisting of Dorothy Biddle from Lachine, Selina Jarvis of Vancouver and Jean Wintermute of London, lost one match and tied another. Canada was defeated 19-15 by Wales in the eighth round and then the team tied Papua New Guinea 19-19 in the ninth.

Other eighth-round triple scores were:

Ireland 22, Zambia 7; Zimbabwe 23, Papua New Guinea 15; Hong Kong 18, Guernsey 8; Fiji 18, New Zealand 11; Australia 19, Scotland 18; Jersey 25 U.S. 10.

Ninth-round triples scores were:

Zimbabwe 23, Wales 16; Scotland 18, Guernsey 11; Fiji 22, Jersey 9; Hong Kong 13, Australia 10; U.S. 19 Swaziland 10; Zambia 17, Malawi 13.

In pairs play, England's team of Norma Shaw and Irene Molynex defeated Swaziland 33-14 in the eighth round and New Zealand 40-6 in the ninth.

The Canadian team lost to Wales 28-9 in the eighth round and to Papua New Guinea 18-12 in the ninth.

Other eighth-round pairs scores were:

U.S. 22, Jersey 14; Guernsey 25, Hong Kong 18; Fiji 31, New Zealand 11; Scotland 22, Australia 22; Ireland 23, Zambia 14; Zimbabwe 28, Papua New Guinea 7.

Ninth-round pairs scores were: Swaziland 28, U.S. 12; Zambia 25, Malawi 14; Guernsey 22, Scotland 18; Wales 26, Zimbabwe 15; Fiji 31, Jersey 13; Australia 28, Hong Kong 18.

Closing ceremonies begin Saturday afternoon following the final matches in the morning.



Bob Willis ... "I want to play for England, as long as possible."

Willis turns down South African offer

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP) — Bob Willis, one of England's top bowlers said Tuesday he had offered 10,000 pounds a week to play in South Africa this winter. The England fast bowler, who took eight wickets for 43 and helped England to grab a dramatic victory over Australia in the fourth Test recently, indicated he will turn down the offer.

Geoff Boycott, England opening batsman, also reportedly has been approached.

As South Africa is not recognized by the Test and County Cricket Board, which controls the game in England, players joining an unofficial team in South Africa might lose their Test places.

Willis was quoted in London as saying: "I want to play for England as long as possible. I hope I will be selected for the winter tour of India. However, if my England career

were over, or the Board's view on South Africa changed, I would reconsider my decision. I know 10,000 pounds a week is an awful lot of money to turn down."

The offer came from Davis Smith, a former Derbyshire player, who now lives in Durban. He made contact with Willis and Boycott through John Edrich, a member of the England board of selection.

Edrich said he did not consider his part in the negotiation conflicted with his duty as a selector. "I was just doing a favor to Dave, Edrich said. "He phoned me two weeks ago and asked me to find out if any England player would like to play for three weeks in South Africa at 12,000 pounds a week," Edrich said.

"I talked to Willis and Boycott because they are getting toward the end of their Test careers." But Edrich added he also talked to

Donald Carr, secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board and was left in no doubt that if anybody played in South Africa their Test careers would be in jeopardy," he said.

The Board said in a statement: "John Edrich wishes to make it clear that following a recent discussions with Donald Carr he has confirmed he has absolutely no wish to be involved in any way with the recruitment for players or the promotion of a possible international cricket tour of South Africa.

The Board also announced that it would take no action against Edrich, who first raised the possible tour with the players. But a TCCB spokesman said: "It would have been preferred if Edrich had come to the Board in the first place before developing his South African enquiries."

Allott replaces Old in England's team

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Paul Allott, Lancashire's 24-year-old medium pacer, has been called into England's squad to play Australia in the fifth Test on his home ground, Old Trafford, starting Thursday.

Allott comes into England's 12 in place of Yorkshire captain Chris Old, who withdrew earlier Tuesday because of a knee injury.

The six foot-four-inch Allott comes from Altringham and played for his native Cheshire in 1976. He won a place in the Lancashire second XI in 1977 and made his debut for the senior side in 1978.

He made a great start to this season when he took eight for 48 at Northampton on May 6 and stole the headlines from West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding.

The Yorkshire paceman injured his left knee bowling against Hampshire in a County cricket match Tuesday and pulled out of the team after talking to Mike Brearley and Donald Carr.

Jos Schipper triumphs

VEENDAM, Netherlands, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Jos Schipper of the Netherlands Tuesday won the first stage of the professional Tour of the Netherlands cycle race, the 231 kilometers (about 154 miles) between Noord Scharwoude and Veendam.

Notts rout Worcester to strengthen position

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Nottinghamshire, their first County Championship triumph since 1929 now firmly in their sights, hustled Worcestershire out for 132 at Worcester to collect a 21 point victory and increase their lead at the top of the table to 27 points.

Sussex moved into second place — displacing the resting Essex — with an eight wicket win over Kent, while Surrey held on to third place despite losing to Gloucestershire by eight wickets.

Richard Hadlee began the Worcester collapse with a three for 17 spell, then Eddie Hemmings (four for 64) and Mike Bore (three for 36) clinched the victory with four balls to spare.

Sussex spread their match-winning effort around too. Imran Khan, Ian Greig and Garth Le Roux picked up wickets in the morning as they toppled Kent from an overnight 197 for four to 254 all out, they a careful 36 not out from Ian Gould saw them home.

Kent's Chris Cowdrey missed his first century for four seasons by just three runs hitting 134 in his 190 minute innings. Another 'nearby' man was Surrey's Alan Butcher. He batted almost three hours for his 90. He

finally became one of David Graveney's six victims, and with the rest of the Surrey order struggling as the home captain took six for 54 with his left-arm spin, the title chasers were dismissed for 70.

This left Gloucestershire needing 165 in three hours and sensible batting by new caps Chris Broad (75) and Phil Bambridge (76) saw them home. The defeat means Surrey now lead fourth placed Essex by just two points and have played one match more.

Hampshire, with two fixtures in hand, lost the chance to climb the table when they could only draw with strugglers Yorkshire. A powerful unbeaten 118 from Jackie Hampshire enabled Yorkshire to reach 208 for three declared and set Hants a target of 264.

England captain Mike Brearley got in some useful pre-Test batting practice as he led Middlesex to a 118 run victory over Warwickshire at Lord's. His 160 minute unbeaten century, which included 10 fours, enabled the home side to declare at 184 for two and set Warwickshire a task of making 315 five hours.

Dennis Amiss gave hopes of victory with a half century, but then the home spin twins Phil Edmonds (five for 53) and John Embury (five for 80) changed the picture.

Another England man in form was Ian Botham. He took three for three in a late burst for Somerset but failed to prevent Northamptonshire gaining a two wicket win. Geoff Cook was the Northants hero with 75.

Derbyshire were dismissed for the lowest championship total of the season — 62 — and then made 107 in their second innings as they went down to Leicestershire by an innings and 27 runs at Derby.

Javed Miandad's courageous 72 for Glamorgan failed to stop Lancashire collecting a 66 run victory on the strength of a six for 44 spell by Peter Lee.

Four bowlers completed ten wickets in a match. They were Peter Lee of Lancashire, David Graveney of Gloucestershire, Eddie Hemmings of Nottinghamshire and John Embury of Middlesex.

Lee, 36-year-old fast-medium man, ended with ten for 93. Graveney, 27, nephew of former England Test star Tom Graveney, had a haul of ten for 72 at Cheltenham.

Hemmings, ten for 130, was the inspiration behind Nottinghamshire's 106 runs win. Embury, England off-spinner, claimed five victims in each innings and a total of ten for 105 at Lord's.

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Iran finds new oil deposits

ANKARA, Aug. 12 (R) — Iranian drillers have found new deposits of oil near Seri Island, halfway between the Iranian coast and the United Arab Emirates, the official Iranian Pars News Agency has reported.

Pars, in a dispatch received in Ankara, said Tuesday the new deposits were found after months of exploration near the island, just inside the entrance to the Gulf. The agency said the discovery was announced by the oil ministry in Tehran Tuesday night, and said the oil deposits are said to be quite large.

It added: "The location south of Seri Island is shared by Iran and Dubai, a members state of the United Arab Emirates."

Nigeria hints at OPEC price rise

JAGOS, Aug. 12 (R) — An attempt to raise OPEC's base price from \$32 to \$34 a barrel will be considered when the oil-exporting group meets in an emergency session in Geneva next Wednesday, a Nigerian spokesman has said.

Alex Nwokedi Aptow, public affairs manager of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, said this was among the major issues for the meeting of OPEC.

Oil industry executives have been speculating that a compromise base price of \$34 might be agreed at the Geneva talks.

Taipei devalues to boost export

TAIPEI, Aug. 12 (AP) — The Republic of China's dollar devaluated from the old rate of 36 to one U.S. dollar to 38 to one dollar, effective Wednesday, the government spokesman announced.

A spokesman said that the devaluation was designed to boost exports which have fallen because of the strength of the U.S. dollar in the European market. Foreign exchange trading center officials here said that the Central Bank of China has agreed to the devaluation. They added that Wednesday's buying rate for the U.S. dollar was 37.95 Taiwan dollars to one, while the selling rate was 38.05 Taiwan dollars to one.

Suffer shortages or hunger Polish needs baffle Americans

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP) — As the first shipments of massive U.S. food aid arrive in Poland, conflicting reports are emerging here on how badly they are needed.

Officials of care, the New York-based charity, say the situation in Poland is comparable to some African nations and that some Poles are in danger of starving. U.S. and Polish government officials side with an official of the independent trade union Solidarity who says bluntly: "Starvation is certainly out of the question here."

Care, which gained international recognition by sending food packages to Europe after World War II, has already delivered 10,000 food packages of a 7.2-million-dollar, 600,000-package Polish emergency relief effort. Care had not shipped food to Poland since 1972.

Each Care package contains about 10 kilos (22 pounds) of canned meat, rice, sugar, flour, powdered milk and other basic foods. Catholic relief services, the overseas aid agency of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, has shipped 90 tons of powdered milk and 520,000 pounds (235,000 kg) of flour to Poland.

"In our opinion, there is genuine and verifiable hunger in Poland," said Care's Executive Director Philip Johnston, who recently visited Poland.

"Pregnant mothers, babies and the elderly cannot stand in lines for hours to buy the little food there is," he said in an interview. "It is these people we are trying to help, because they run the risk of starving to death."

"In Africa people are malnourished, but not starving, because there are always enough fruits or vegetables to allow people to get some kind of nourishment," he added.

"In Poland, on the contrary, the urban poor have no way of getting food."

Beth Griffin, a spokeswoman for CRS, said that the situation is not as bad as in the Horn of Africa, but "hunger is a legitimate word to use in the case of Poland."

In Washington, a U.S. State Department expert on Polish affairs, who asked not to be identified, discounted reports of hunger. "There are food shortages, but we do not think anybody is starving," he said. "People are getting an inadequate diet because of meat shortages, but there are enough of other foods to keep them from getting hungry."

In Warsaw, acting Solidarity chief Seweryn Jaworski said, "One would be hard put to deny all preposterous rumors being circulated about Poland, but starvation is certainly out of the question here. Meat rations have been fixed at the biological minimum."

The Polish government, which has accepted food aid from Care, CRS and other relief agencies, admits "shortages," but objects to the word "hunger." Polish officials have said reports of hunger are aimed at

"heightening tension" within the country.

Poland began rationing meat, butter, rice and sugar in April — the first food rationing in Poland since the early 1950's.

Annual per capita meat consumption in Poland was 162.8 pounds (73.4 kg) in 1980, according to figures released by the U.S. embassy in Poland. Those figures showed an improvement in Poland's meat consumption over 1970's average, which was only 116 pounds (52.6 kg).

The \$7 million effort represents only a small portion of Care's budget, which allocated \$181 million for relief in 1980, but it matched Care's expenditures for Somalia, an east African country which is burdened with refugees.

"I have tried and tried and tried," Johnston said, "but people in America don't feel as strongly about Somalia as they do about Poland. I think we are going to reach our \$7 million goal for Poland, but we're not going to make that figure for Somalia," he said. Rv. Lawrence Olszewski of CRS said fund raising for Poland is doing well, but has not reached \$1 million yet. "We raised \$13 million for the Italian earthquake victims," he said.

Dutch strike pipeline deal with Russia

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12 (AFP) — The Dutch Amro and ABN banks have reached an agreement with a Soviet delegation on most of their share of the loans to the Soviet Union for the financing of the planned Soviet-European pipeline. The agreement covers more than 3,000 million guilders (\$1.05 billion), which represents 85 percent of the Netherlands' share.

A spokesman for ABN (Algemene Bank Nederland) said the eight-year loan will be guaranteed by the Dutch government and will be furnished by a group of banks under the direction of ABN and Amro, with interest rate of 7.8 percent. He added that details will be worked out in later talks.

The accord was reached after two days of talks between banks and the Soviet delegation headed by Victor Ivanov, deputy minister of foreign trade, Netherlands, with confirmed gas reserves of 1,530,000 million cubic meters is envisaging the import of 5,000 million cubic meters a year for 20 years, beginning in 1985.

Potato disease cure claimed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — A team of American research scientists has developed a test for detecting and eliminating a major disease of potatoes, a step that could help feed millions of impoverished people in tropical countries, the U.S. Agricultural Department has said.

The test was developed at the department's research center in Beltsville, Maryland. It can detect the potato spindle tuber viroid — called PSTV by the scientists — which causes the disease. Infestation can mean losses of more than 50 percent to a crop, officials said.

In warm climates, the disease is so severe that potatoes cannot be grown unless PSTV is excluded from seed potatoes used to propagate new plants. The new test was described by doctors Robert A. Owens and Theodor O. Diener, plant pathologists in the department's agricultural research service.

"Since potatoes provide a nutritionally balanced food more efficiently than any other major crop, these plants are a great potential food source for countries with large populations and low income," the agency said.

Diener was the first to discover that potato spindle tuber disease is caused by a new type of disease agent, which he named a "viroid" in 1971. Viroids are approximately one-fortieth the size of the smallest virus and are composed of only one small molecule of the genetic chemical, ribonucleic acid or RNA.

The automatic equipment normally used to check seed potatoes for virus disease depends on the existence of a virus-associated protein for identifying the bad seed. Viroids, however, do not have any protein and escape detection.

Using recombinant-DNA technology, that has enabled scientists to splice genes and clone genetic materials, the scientists — including a third, Dr. Dean E. Cress, a geneticist — developed a "mirror mag" copy of the viroid RNA, which was called a complementary or CDNA copy.

The CDNA copies — literally millions were produced using a bacterial process — then were labeled with a radioactive marker and used to detect even small amounts of the viroid in diseased potatoes.

If the harmful viroids were present, they would attract the CDNA copies and join together enough so they could be detected through a photographic process. "This new procedure could easily be automated," the report said.

The disease is easily spread by touching the plants with infected hands or tools, or through seed and pollen, and becomes more severe as successive crops of infected potatoes are planted. "A result of basic research, this new test provides a way to eliminate diseased potatoes from breeding stocks, essential to disease-free, nutritious crops, in temperate climates as well as in extremely warm ones," the report said.

India seeks \$5b IMF loan

NEW DELHI, Aug. 12 (AP) — Finance Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman confirmed Tuesday that India is negotiating with the International Monetary Fund for a record \$5 billion loan. He said it will not accept conditions "derogatory to its self-respect."

The Indian and foreign press have speculated that India may be forced by the IMF to accept some distasteful conditions — like devaluation of the Indian rupee and changes in domestic credit and pricing policies — to borrow \$5 billion. The loan if granted would be the largest ever given by the Washington-based IMF, topping 1977 borrowing by Britain.

In an interview broadcast over the government's All India Radio, the minister said press reports that "the IMF will impose very stiff conditions and that we will have to accept them all, is merely to create a scare where nothing exists."

Venkataraman said "India has a very high reputation in the international market as a borrower. Last year, we raised over \$800 million in the Euro-dollar market and our credit rating is very high. Therefore, we need not be apprehensive over these things."

The minister's statement — the first official confirmation of negotiations with the IMF — followed a public appeal by 23 leading leftist economists to the government not to borrow from the fund. The economists said a large borrowing from the IMF would be "suicidal" and mean the "surrender of the country's economic sovereignty."

Venkataraman said \$5 billion loan was

intended to tide over a "very disturbing" balance of payments deficit caused by a spiraling oil import bill.

In 1980-81 fiscal year ending March 31, India's trade deficit jumped 112 percent over the previous year to 52 billion rupees (\$5.7 billion) and appeared headed for another sizeable deficit this year, Venkataraman reported. "This is essentially because of the hike in oil prices," by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the minister said, adding that India's oil import bill rose nearly four-fold over the past two years to 54 billion rupees (\$6 billion) in 1980-81.

"And this situation threatens to continue, making India's balance-of-payments position 'precarious,' Venkataraman said. "Unless we take some loans to cover these payments, we will have no foreign exchange to pay for our imports," he added.

Besides seeking an IMF loan, the Indian government has recently applied some austerity measures, including a major hike — the third in about a year — in domestic petroleum product prices and a reduction in fertilizer subsidies.

The government also increased the bank rate by one percent, raised the compulsory deposit rates and made large repayments of deposits obligatory through "payee" accounts — all part of its economic package to curb inflation, check tax evasion and tone up the country's sagging economy.

U.N. panel flays World Bank ties with S. Africa

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 12 (R) — A U.N. committee has expressed regret that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) still maintain links with South Africa and said the forthcoming General Assembly should call on the IMF's board of governors to review the relationship.

The recommendation was contained in a report to the U.N.'s 25-member decolonization committee from one of its sub-committees. Both the World Bank and IMF are specialized agencies of the United Nations. "The sub-committee regrets that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund continue to maintain links with the racist South African regime as exemplified by the continued membership of South Africa in both organizations," the report stated.

It said South Africa's continued ability to borrow from the IMF "not only flies in the face of repeated General Assembly resolutions, but also enables South Africa in turn to borrow more and on better terms in private international financial markets."

Million dollar slip is showing

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP) — For just a minute, when Harold Norris saw \$9.9 million balance printed in his savings passbook, he had a vision.

"Harold Norris — multimillionaire — I like the sound of it," said Norris, 45, a postal employee who says he has saved \$4,500 in his lifetime, plus several books of valuable stamps.

Norris discovered the misprint after withdrawing \$100 from the Chase Manhattan Bank branch near his lower-Manhattan apartment.

He had gone home without looking at the book, but decided later that he needed more money for a purchase. So he checked the balance on his savings book and saw a much inflated bottom line — \$9,904.35.

Bank manager Louis Squasson said he couldn't acknowledge the misprint because it did not show up in his account. "And I haven't seen his passbook," he said.

And Squasson won't see that book until Friday, when Norris usually cashes his paycheck and when he said he'll have the misprint fixed. "That'll give me a few more days as Harold Norris multimillionaire," he said.

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OBI, Aug. 12 (AP) — Industrialists Wednesday warned against the "new" and "renewable" energy could soon make a major contribution to world energy supplies.

U.S. crop prospects dim, says

INGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — One of the poorest weather conditions for years to be focused on huge areas of the U.S. government's winter weather facility has said.

duction in European areas of the region remained unfavorably dry this week, the report said.

U.S. explains sea law stand

VA, Aug. 12 (R) — The United States Wednesday began explaining its objections to the seabed mining package which it said reflected a delicate balance of interests between the 150 conference countries.

Lantzke said this could represent an increase equivalent to some four million barrels of oil a day, or 200 million tons a year.

He said that it should not be forgotten that most developing countries will need more and not less oil and coal to develop their economies.

France's Energy Minister Edmond Herve said his government had recently decided to strengthen ways of developing new energies.

Speakers at the first two days of the conference on new sources of energy stressed a need for development of such energy sources, especially for impoverished Third World nations.

Early speakers at the 11-day meeting, including heads of government, said they hoped the common energy problems of developing and developed states would lead to the creation of a global energy policy.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau warned Tuesday that confidence in the U.N. might be eroding dangerously because "the fine words spoken from countless U.N. podiums have too seldom been translated into concrete expressions of the unity of purpose we so often profess."



ENERGY TALKS: Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau seen addressing the U.N. conference on new and renewable sources of energy on Tuesday in Nairobi. He pledged more than \$1 billion aid for energy development.

Turkey, Iraq to expand trade

ANKARA, Aug. 12 (R) — Iraqi and Turkish government leaders held talks in Ankara Wednesday on the expansion of trade and economic relations and the use of Iraq's vital oil pipeline to Turkey, government sources said.

Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, leading a delegation, including trade and oil ministers, met Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu and government officials to prepare an economic cooperation agreement to be signed Thursday.

The sources said Turkey would ask Iraq for an increase in its oil supplies, currently at 8.5 million tons a year, and for a higher transit fee for oil through the pipeline.

The pipeline, which can carry up to 35 million tons annually from the Iraqi oilfields at Kirkuk to Turkey's Mediterranean terminal at Yumurtalik, has become more important to Iraq since the war with Iran closed its leading terminals in the Gulf.

World Bank to float issues worth \$290m

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — The World Bank announced Wednesday that it has signed an agreement for two issues of United States dollar notes to be offered publicly in markets outside the United States.

The first issue of \$210 million for 4.6 years bears interest at the rate of 16 percent per annum, payable annually on April 1.

The second issue of \$80 million for 7 years also bears interest at the rate of 16 percent per annum, payable annually on May 6. Both issues will be offered at par. Application will be made to list the notes on the stock exchange in London.

The issues are managed jointly by Salomon Brothers International and the Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft in association with a group of 15 co-managers. The World Bank said the proceeds of these issues will be converted into Swiss francs and Deutschmarks, which will be used in the World Bank's general operations.

Dollar suffers setback

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Aug. 12 — The dollar weakened over Tuesday night in New York after Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates eased to close at 17 1/2 percent from previous 18 1/2 percent levels.

Locally, rial rates continued to remain firm despite dollar interest rate fall and a slight weakening on the exchange markets Wednesday.

One-month rial JIBOR rates continued to be quoted at Tuesday's rates — 19 — 19 1/2 percent levels and in some cases at 19 1/2 percent.

There were reports, however, that some fairly sizeable rial deposits made their way into the market on Wednesday (around rials 500 million), but it would seem that this had little immediate effect in bringing rial rate down in what has often been described by market players as a "thin market."

Interest once again shifted to Europe, where the dollar fell on the exchange markets by late afternoon Wednesday. The trend had already been established from the previous night when the dollar closed weaker against the mark, yen and sterling.

The British pound touched 1.8075 by late afternoon Wednesday compared to New York closings of 1.7860 and 1.75 level of Monday.

The yen improved also to 229.30 — falling very fast below the 230.00 levels which had seemed the new base for the dollar against the yen. The yen closed at 235.40 in New York a further improvement over 236.00 levels of Tuesday.

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce): London 413.25, Paris 481.77, Frankfurt 409.99, Zurich 413.50, Hong Kong 409.09.

U.K. prices up 0.5%

LONDON, Aug. 12 (APF) — British wholesale prices rose by only 0.5 percent in July against a 0.8 percent for June, the government has announced here.

However, the increase in prices of raw materials during the last few months continued, primarily because of depreciation of sterling against the U.S. dollar. The industry ministry said that raw materials were up by 1.25 percent in July, making a total of 7.7 percent for raw materials in the first half of the year — against only 2 percent increase for the previous six months.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP) — Stock prices forged ahead Wednesday amid some new hopes for lower interest rates.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial prices rose 1.61 to 950.91 in the first half hour. Interest rates showed widespread declines Tuesday, continuing a downturn that has set in gradually in recent days.

The rate-on overnight loans between banks, dropped below 18 percent — in contrast to the 19-21 percent range in which it fluctuated a few weeks ago.

London stock market

LONDON, Aug. 12 (R) — Share prices advanced across the board in a follow through to Tuesday's gains, although turnover remained moderate, dealers said.

Industrial leaders gained up to 11p as in ICI, Plessey, Guest Keen and Glaxo, while Grand Met and GEC were firm features, up 16p and a net 20p respectively. Tube investments were up a net 10p at 154p having touched 160p following half year results.

Among mining financials, Consolidated metal speculative demand added 37p at 530p. Oils were higher, with Shell adding 10p at 422p.

Government bonds extended morning gains to be up as much as 1/4 point on the day in response to sterling's rally against the dollar, dealers said. Trading remained light, however, they added. BOC was a net 12p higher following interim results, while banks added up to 8p and in generally firmer insurance, Commercial Union shed 4p after half year figure Tuesday.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Cleaning of the ministry's building and maintenance of the toilets and lamps	843	500	15.8.81
Construction of intermediate schools type 12 classrooms	19M	5000	5.9.81

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON 12TH AUGUST 1981 12TH SHWAL 1401

SHIPS DISCHARGING

Name of Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Date of Arrival
Raffer Queen	Attar	Raffer	5.8.81
Corinna	El Hawi	Gen./Lub.Oil	12.8.81
Sarnos Sly	Alasbah	Barley	9.8.81
Monte Carlo	Alasbah	Sugar	9.8.81
Balder Antwerpen	Aliraza	St/Tractors	11.8.81
Union Darwin	O.C.E.	Contra.	11.8.81
Hiko Skier	Star	Fruit	28.7.81
Jonian Carrier	Riaco	Bulk Cement	7.8.81
Shikim	Alasbah	St.Plant/Gen.	6.8.81
Prinos Rupert City	A.A.	Rice/Gen.	6.8.81
Stations	Barley	Barley	8.8.81
Hellan	El Hawi	Gen./Iron	11.8.81
Imperial Star	O. Trade	Iron/Timber	11.8.81
Phoebus	Ori	Asbestos	9.8.81
Beltic Freezer	O.C.E.	Raffer	9.8.81
Sofrocco Universal	Star	Bananas	10.8.81
Costas II	O.C.E.	Eggs	10.8.81
Wild Curlew	O.C.E.	Raffer	8.8.81
Saudi Cloud	O. Trade	Maize/Barley/Beans	1.8.81
Concordia Sun	Alasbah	Soyab/Contra	8.8.81
Vasily Kochov	A.E.T.	Contra.	11.8.81
Mediva Sea	O. Trade	General/Ginger	11.8.81
Kalos I	Shibashi	General	10.8.81
Golden Damman	El Hawi	Gen./Contra/St	3.8.81
Garnet Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	11.8.81

ENT ARRIVALS:

Corinna	El Hawi	Gen./Lub.Oil	12.8.81
Shikim	Alasbah	St.Plant/Gen.	12.8.81
Hellan	S.C.S.A.	Contra.	12.8.81
Kalos I	O.C.E.	General	12.8.81

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPON 0700 HOURS OF 12.8.1401/12.10.1981 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 48 HOURS:

Al Tabeab	SAITE	Bagged Sugar	5.8.81
Al Riyadh	Ori	General	8.8.81
Ming Honesty	UEP	General/Sugar	2.8.81
Magdeburg	Karoo	General	10.8.81
Tai Ning	SEA	General	10.8.81
Daphnemer	Gosabibe	Loading Urea	10.8.81
Singapore Island	UEP	General/Contra.	11.8.81
Ibn Hazm	Karoo	General	12.8.81
Timmer Ventura	UEP	General	12.8.81
Kao Cheng	Gosabibi	General	11.8.81
Cerrijoan Ace	UEP	General	12.8.81
Australia Maru	A.E.T.	Contra/Beans	12.8.81
Al Yamamah	Gosabibi	Timber	11.8.81
Hirav	Gosabibi	Timber	11.8.81
General D.D. (R.B.)	Alasbah	A.E.T.	8.8.81
Union Heavy (R.B.)	A.E.T.	Bulk Cement	8.8.81
Berge, Unclomert	Globe	Cement Silo Vessel	30.11.80

London Commodities

	Wednesday	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	412.50	403.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	499.50	499.50
3 months	516.00	515.50
Copper cash	1024.00	1004.50
3 months	1055.00	1034.75
Tin cash	7890.00	7925.00
3 months	7950.00	7945.00
Lead cash	499.00	495.50
3 months	497.75	494.50
Zinc cash	552.50	553.50
3 months	566.00	566.50
Aluminium cash	685.00	682.50
3 months	709.00	701.50
Nickel cash	3345.00	3430.00
3 months	3400.00	3490.00
Sugar October	211.75	222.40
March	210.50	218.70
Coffee September	1008.00	1016.00
November	994.00	1006.00
Coconut September	1220.00	1256.00
December	1253.00	1291.00

Foreign Exchange Rates

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	10.00	9.08	14.85
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	81.50
Belgian Franc (1,000)	81.00	—	279.00
Canadian Dollar	2.770	—	134.15
Deutsche Mark (100)	133.00	135.00	125.00
French Franc (100)	120.00	121.50	3.80
Egyptian Pound	—	3.80	93.15
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	92.50	56.10
French Franc (100)	56.00	57.50	37.45
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	56.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.00	27.50	27.35
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	10.10	9.99
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.09	12.045
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	73.25	73.10
Laosese Lira (100)	—	59.00	61.55
Malaysian Ringgit (100)	—	34.75	34.65
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.45
Pound Sterling	6.06	6.15	6.125
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	93.50	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	33.65
Swiss Franc (100)	155.00	157.25	156.90
Syrian Lira (100)	—	56.50	65.85
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.43	3.425
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	75.25	74.85

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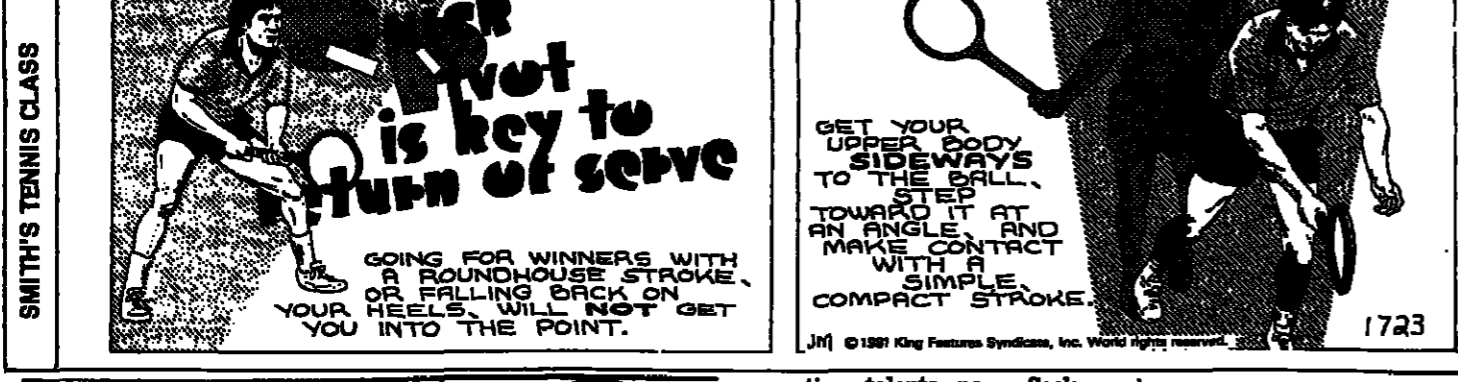
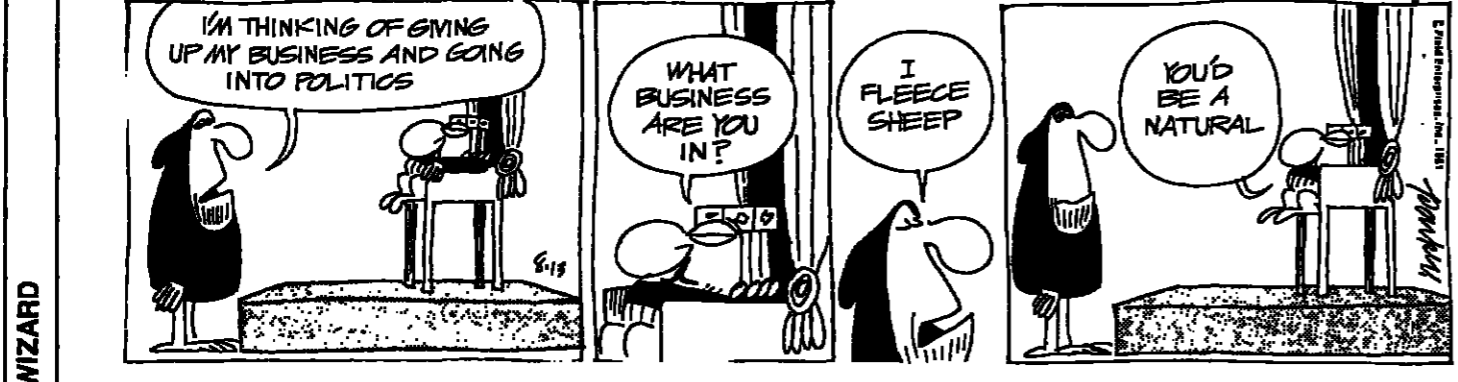
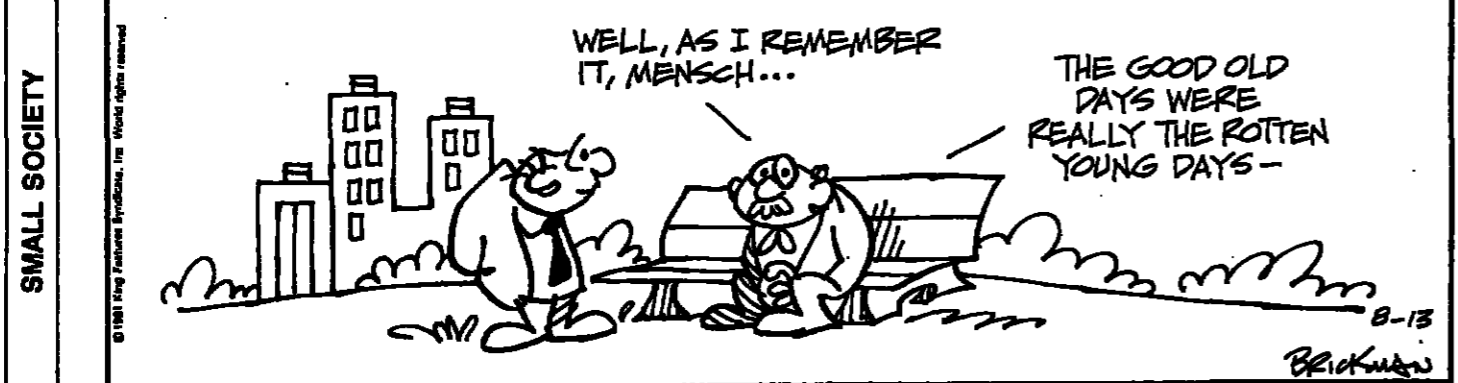
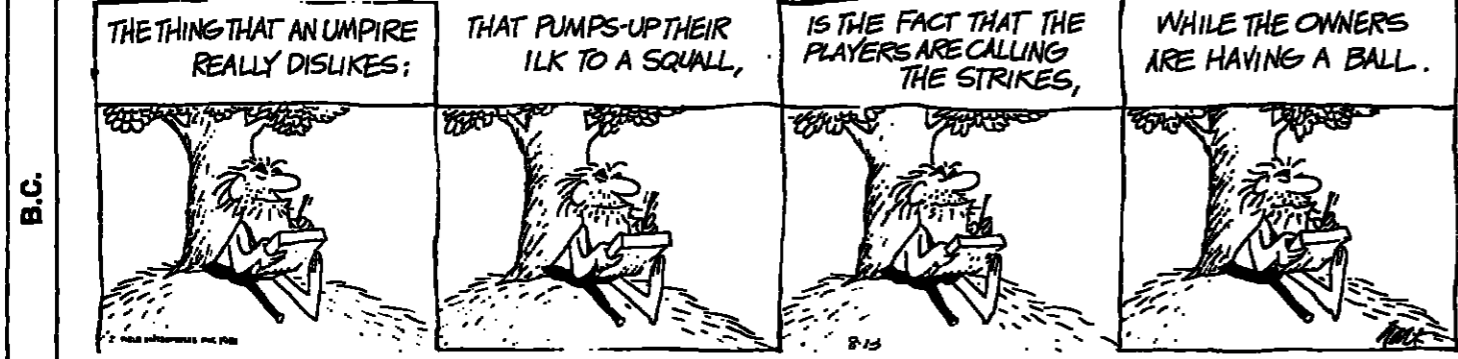
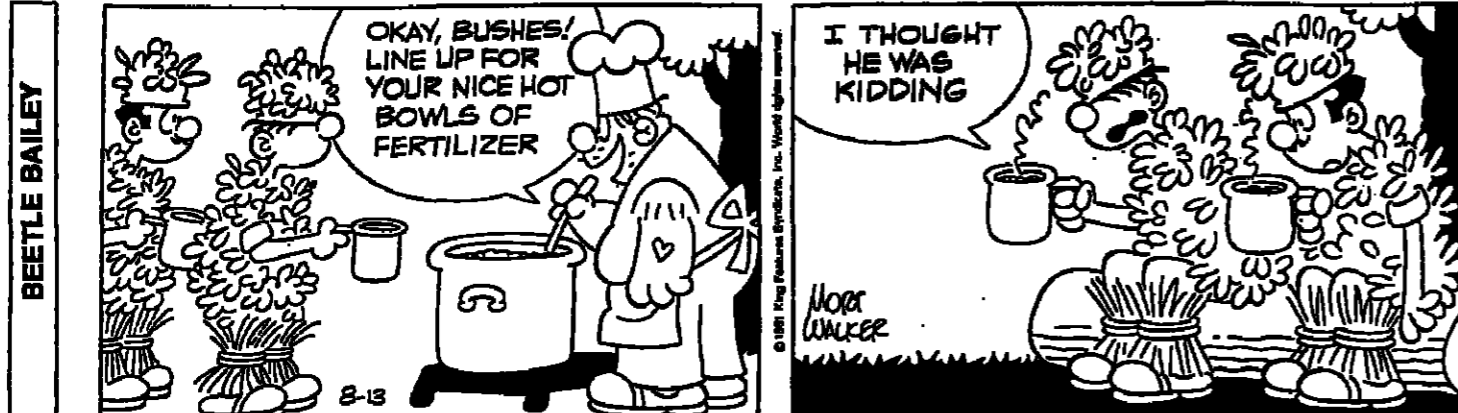
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Arab News Calendar

Saudi Arabia

THURSDAY: 9:00 Quran; Program Preview; Religious Program; Curious: The Developing Mind; Song: Arabic Series; Foreign Play/Entertainment; Call for Dinner (Noon) Program; Arabic Series; The Information Workshop; Arabic Play; 6:30 Religious Talk; 7:45 English News; 8:00 Arabic Play; 9:30 Arabic News; Program Preview; Arabic Daily Series; Song; The Thursday Night Show.

Bahrain Channel 4

THURSDAY: 4:00 Quran; Religious Talk; 4:20 Program Preview; 4:25 Curious; 5:00 Football; 6:00 Religious Program; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:30 Night is Enough; 9:30 English News; 9:45 Tomorrow's Program; 9:50 Medical Center; 10:40 Arabic Film.

Bahrain Channel 55

THURSDAY: 4:00 Quran; Religious Talk; 4:20 Program Preview; 4:25 Curious; 5:00 Football; 6:00 Religious Program; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:30 Night is Enough; 9:30 English News; 9:45 Tomorrow's Program; 9:50 Medical Center; 10:40 Arabic Film.

Dubai Channel 10

THURSDAY: 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Curious; 6:00 Nile Bazaar/Golden Eagle; 6:30 Children's Series; 7:00 TV Magazine; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Literature Program; 9:00 Arabic Theater; 10:00 World News; 10:35 Songs and Program Preview; 11:00 Arabic Theater.

Dubai Channel 33

THURSDAY: 6:00 Quran; 6:10 Curious; 6:30 To Room With Love; 7:00 Horus Galore; 7:30 Muppet Show; 7:50 Islamic Horizons; 8:00 Local News; 8:05 The Secret War/Nature Watch; 8:30 The Good Life/West End Tales; 9:00 Ben Hall; 10:00 World News; 10:25 Dog And Cat; 10:50 I Remember Nelson/Peter Freuchen.

Saudi Arabia Evening Transmission

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1:00	Opening	8:00	Opening
1:01	Holy Quran	8:01	Holy Quran
1:06	Program Review	8:06	Program Review
1:07	Quran of Guidance	8:07	Quran of Guidance
1:12	Light Music	8:12	Light Music
1:20	Top of the Pops	8:15	The Evening Show
1:29	Mind of Rabbit	8:45	Eve & Her World
2:15	On Islam	9:00	Welcome
2:25	Billboard's Hot 50	9:00	World Classics
2:35	Light Music	9:40	S. Chronicle
2:40	St. News	9:45	Music Worldwide
3:10	Press Review	10:15	Today's Short Story
3:15	Light Music	10:45	Concert Choice
3:20	News of the Week	11:00	A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:30	Guardians in Cash	11:00	Classroom
3:45	Light Music	12:00	Classroom
3:50	Clothes		

Radio Francaise

Langues d'origine: — FM 98 Megahertz; — Onde Courte: 11.855 Megahertz dans la bande des 20m.

Vendredi de la Musique de Jazz

Heure	Programme
18:00	Overture;
18:10	Venez Et Commentaire;
18:15	Musique Classique;
18:15	Varities;
18:30	Emission Culturelle d'Arabian in Radio Emission de Varities. Musique outre Amis;
19:15	Le Royaume sur la voie de progres;
19:25	Musique;
19:30	Informations;
19:40	Rue de Presse;
19:45	Varities; Musique Orientale;
19:58	Clothes.

BBC

Evening Transmission	8.45	Take One
8.00 World News	1.15 Ulster in Focus	8.45 Sports Round-up
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	1.30 Discovery	9.00 World News
8.30 News Summary	2.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
8.30 Sarah Ward	2.09 News about Britain	9.15 Radio Newsworld
8.45 World Today	2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	9.30 Farming World
9.00 Newswest	2.30 Sports International	10.00 Outlook News Summary
9.30 Opera Star	2.40 Radio Newsworld	10.39 Stock Market Report
10.00 World News	3.15 Promenade Concert	10.43 Look Ahead
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	3.45 Sports Round-up	10.45 Ulster in Focus
News Summary	4.00 World News	11.00 World News
10.30 Sarah Ward	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
10.45 Something to Savor You	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours	12.15 Talkabout
11.00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion	12.45 Nature Notebook
11.09 Reflections	6.00 Radio Newsworld	1.00 World News
11.15 Piano Style	6.15 Outlook	1.09 World Today
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	7.00 World News	1.25 Financial News
12.00 World News	7.09 Commentary	1.35 Book Choice
12.09 British Press Review	7.15 Sherlock Holmes	1.40 Reflections
12.15 World Today	7.45 World Today	1.45 Sports Round-up
12.30 Financial News	8.00 World News	2.00 World News
12.40 Look Ahead	8.09 World News	2.09 Commentary
12.45 The Tony Mynst	8.09 Books and Writers	2.15 The Face of England

VOA

Evening Transmission	10:30	VOC Magazine
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine	America's Letter Cultural; Letter
8:05 Support Organizations: Opinion; Amnesty	11:00 Special English: News	11:30 Music U.S.; (Jazz)
8:30 Dandies		
8:30 News Summary		
9:00 Special English: News; Reston: The Making of a Nation		
9:30 Music USA: (Sundays)		
10:00 News Roundup		
10:05 Reports: Azerbaijan		
10:05 Opening: Amnesty		

Radio Pakistan THURSDAY

Morning Programmes	Evening Programmes
7:45 Religious Program	7:45 Religious Program
8:00 News	8:00 News
8:10 Instrumental Music	8:10 Instrumental Music
8:15 Pakistan's Ours	8:15 Pakistan's Ours
8:30 Commentary	8:30 Commentary
9:00 News	9:00 News
9:00 Pakistan's Progress Path	9:00 Pakistan's Progress Path
9:25 Folk Music	9:25 Folk Music

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Burn
- Fools
- Ear part
- Customer
- Imitator
- Come out
- Italian novelist
- Political monogram
- Grassland
- Prehistoric mound
- Part of a boilermaker
- Frenzy
- European river
- Glass section
- Carew and Taylor
- Closely confined
- Different
- Matter (law)
- Destiny
- Partially
- Stupefied
- Without (Ger.)
- Corrida performer
- Rockfish
- Put in a diary
- Signify

DOWN

- Garbed
- Rhode Island's motto
- "Green Mansions"
- hero
- Film not new
- Before mater
- You (Ger.)
- York
- or Preston
- Overfill
- Treeless plain
- Fragrant wood
- Fawn
- Convert
- Get off to a (mess up)
- Wise king
- Rind
- Recite
- Madrid gallery
- German title
- Oh joy!
- Soprano
- Moffo
- Birth a lamb
- Zalder

Yesterday's Answer

18 Convert 24 Madrid gallery

19 Get off to a (mess up) 28 Oh joy!

20 Wise king 30 Soprano

21 Rind 31 Birth a lamb

22 Recite 33 Zalder

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it!

A X Y D L B A A X R
L S L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

NG NI KDIF GH OK GHSKZDAG

HC GJK LZNAVNLSKI HC HGJKZ

LKHL SK NC FHE JDQK AHAK HC

FHEZ HMA. - JKZOKZG IDUEKS.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: REGRET IS AN APPALLING WASTE OF ENERGY; YOU CAN'T BUILD ON IT; IT'S ONLY GOOD FOR WALLOWING IN. - KATHERINE MANSFIELD

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

The Case of the Invisible Man

North-South vulnerable

North: ♠ K 8 7, ♥ A 9, ♦ Q J 10 6 2, ♣ K 9 5

West: ♠ 6 5 3 2, ♥ 4 2, ♦ K 7, ♣ 8 6 4 3 2

East: ♠ J 10 4, ♥ K Q 8 7 6, ♦ A 5 3, ♣ J 7

South: ♠ A Q 9, ♥ J 10 5 3, ♦ 9 8 4, ♣ A Q 10

The bidding: North East South West 1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead - four of hearts.

Bridge would be a much simpler game if, every time you had to make a crucial play to make or break the contract, some kind soul would come along and tell you to take your time and be careful at this juncture.

The trouble is that such situations sneak up on you unawares, and the first thing you know an opportunity to shine passes you by and it is too late to do anything about it.

Let's say you're East and partner leads a heart against three notrump. When dummy follows low, you win with the queen and return a heart to the ace.

Declarer now proceeds to establish his diamonds and it does not matter what you do. The only tricks you and your partner score are two hearts and two diamonds, and South makes three notrump.

Now let's go back to trick one and assume that this kind soul we mentioned gently lagged on your sleeve the moment declarer played the nine of hearts from dummy. In that case you'd play the eight on the nine in order to allow your hearts to get established before your one and only entry - the ace of diamonds - was forced out.

If you made this unusual play, declarer would go down regardless of how he continued. You would score three heart tricks and two diamonds, assuming that West won the first diamond lead, and South would have no one to blame for his downfall except your good old friend the sleeve-tugger.

But, of course, if you made this play without your good old friend's assistance, that would be even better.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Sociability abets career aims. Partners are supportive. After a productive morning, you'll want to relax with friends at noon.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Make plans for a holiday. Romantic introductions with those from afar. An optimistic attitude combines successful-

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Keep in touch with relatives. Joyful news affects the whole family. Avoid making hasty decisions regarding joint assets.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Shop for art objects. Romance and partnership affairs are happily highlighted. Make plans for an exciting adventure together.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You can commercialize

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Creative talent and originality bring success to the artistically inclined. Local visits bring exciting introductions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Keep romance private. Complete unfinished household tasks. After a successful shopping trip, you'll want to relax with dear ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

It's a good time to sell art objects. Friendship benefits career. Good will and charm aid you in negotiations with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

creative talents now. Seek ways to derive income from hobbies. Originality brings success on the job front.

Consult with publishers, educators and art galleries. Mixing business with pleasure should lead to improved financial prospects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Get appraisals on valuable items. Examine mail-order catalogues for good buys. Romance and friendship prove satisfying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Work quietly to make real progress. Keep important career developments confidential. Enjoy new self-confidence toward nightfall.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Friends look kindly on you, but don't let your social life interfere with the completion of tasks. Enjoy improved romantic prospects.

Backshot is key to turn of serve

GOING FOR WINNERS WITH A ROUNDHOUSE STRIKE, OR FALLING BACK ON YOUR HEELS, WILL NOT GET YOU INTO THE POINT.

GET YOUR UPPER BODY SIDWAYS TO THE BALL, TOWARD IT AT AN ANGLE, AND MAKE CONTACT WITH A SIMPLE, COMPACT STROKE.

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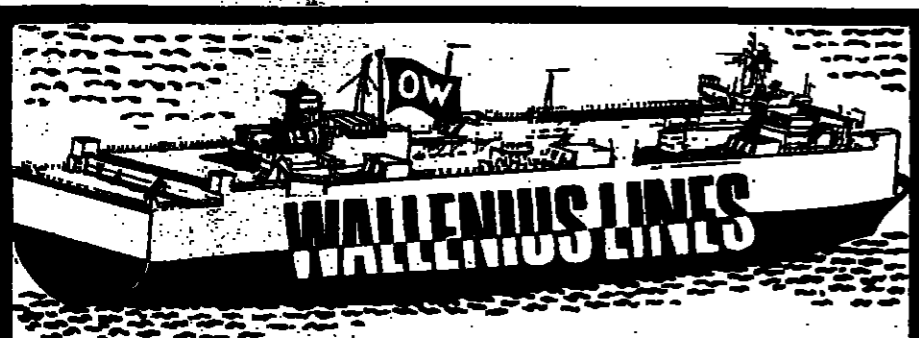
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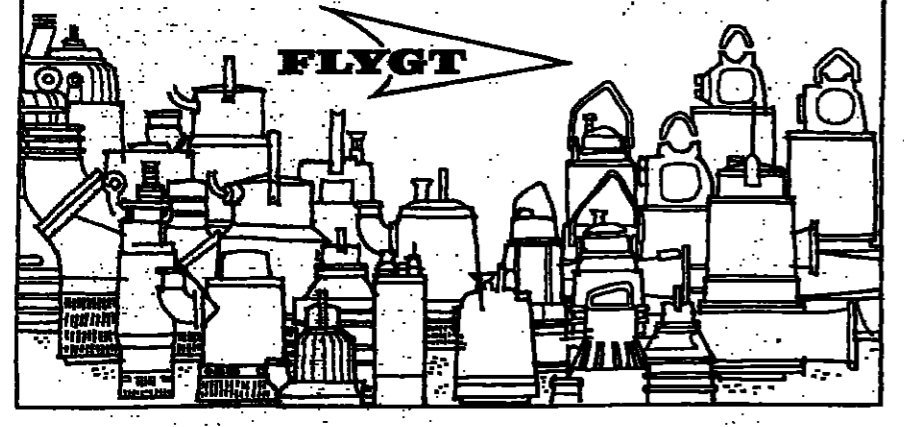
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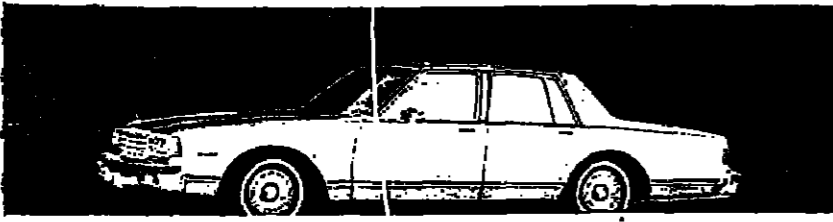
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Party supports government

Poland vows to crush revolt

WARSAW, Aug. 12 (Agencies) — The Polish Communist Party central committee ended a 14-hour session here early Wednesday with a warning that it would crush "anti-Socialist and counterrevolutionary threats." Party First Secretary Stanislaw Kania, who had been "indisposed" for several days, emerged to tell the committee that hunger marches and food protests must be prevented lest confrontation should lead to "the greatest national tragedy."

The 200 committee members, elected by secret ballot for the first time, unanimously passed a resolution "defining the essential tasks of party members and organizations" at this tense moment in Poland's history.

The committee voted "full support to the government in carrying out its constitutional obligations" and asked the executive "to react vigorously" against all illegal activity. This meant that the central committee fully backed the government's decision to ban street demonstrations, using force, if necessary, to maintain law and order.

The committee "declared firmly that the party and the public authorities will not permit liquidation of the policy of social entente, and will oppose with determination the anti-socialist and counterrevolutionary threats." The resolution had hard words for Solidarity, saying that street demonstrations were organized by "extremists" in the independent trade union federation. It said the demonstrations were aimed against the program worked out at the party's ninth congress, which called for dialogue and "solution of conflicts by political means."

It urged that party members who had joined Solidarity should act as watchdogs to see that the worker body did not overstep the limits laid out by its charter. But it also said the central committee wanted to continue to cooperate with all trade unions. The text appealed to "all patriotic forces" to cooperate with the party in blocking "activities against Socialist order."

Meanwhile, Kania was reported Wednesday to have asked for a meeting with Archbishop Jozef Glemp, the Catholic primate, indicating that the church may be asked to mediate between the government and the unions. A spokesman for the central committee said that the meeting between Kania and Glemp was planned, but no date had been fixed. A church spokesman said the meeting had been requested by the party.

In Gdansk, the executive committee of Solidarity Wednesday rejected point by point all the accusations levelled against it by the government. In a firm and restrained resolution it said recent strikes and demonstrations were the result of popular discontent with the government and were not organized by the union.

The Communist Party central committee's analysis showed that its members had not understood the situation, the resolution said. Solidarity blamed the crisis entirely on the government but it made it clear that it believed the government, in its new composition, was trying to solve the problems.

The executive committee Wednesday ordered a strike for next Wednesday and Thursday in printing houses and print distribution centers throughout Poland. The committee also reserved the right to cancel the strike order if the authorities grant the union the right of reply in the mass media to the virulent anti-Solidarity campaign being waged by official news outlets.

Baltic coast dockers are refusing to load ships with food for export at a time when Poland is seething with unrest over food shortages. The official news agency, PAP, reported Tuesday that dock workers in Gdansk and Gdynia were boycotting food shipments on orders from local branches of Solidarity.

PAP said the quantities involved were relatively small and that the shipments were necessary to fulfill hard-currency contracts and keep Polish specialties in the public eye abroad.

In another appeal, which the resolution termed "unprecedented from a trade union," Solidarity asked Polish workers to work on eight Saturdays without pay because of the "extraordinary and dramatic" situation in Poland. "The decision is in your hands," the resolution said. In a separate statement, the committee asked all Solidarity members and other Poles not to take part in next Monday's march on behalf of political prisoners.



CONFISCATED GOODS: Polish officials preparing Tuesday a list of cash, tobacco, razor blades and other goods confiscated during police action against illegal traders in Gdansk. The goods were sent later to orphanages and old people's homes.

EEC may rush food to Poles

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12 (AP) — The commission of the European Economic Community will review the EEC's food sales to Poland to see if deliveries can be speeded up, an EEC spokesman said Wednesday. The spokesman said a committee of experts from all 10 member states has been set up to investigate delivery delays due to credit and transportation problems.

Since last December, the EEC has pledged to sell to Poland cereals, meat, sugar and dairy products at roughly 15 percent below world prices for a total of 500 million European units of account (\$490 million).

The EEC spokesman said that of the

835,000 tons of cereals, 400,000 tons has been delivered to date. Of the 100,000 tons of meat, 60,000 tons have been shipped and only half of the 100,000 tons of sugar has made it to Poland so far, the spokesman added. Of the 50,000 tons of dairy products, 80 percent has been delivered.

The EEC spokesman said the community expects the deliveries to be completed "by the end of this year at the latest. But we are interested in accelerating the deliveries." He added the EEC will investigate in how far Poland is experiencing delays in arranging for the necessary credits in the 10 EEC nations to buy the foodstuffs.



BOMB ATTACK: View of the Swissair office in Copenhagen after it was shattered by two bombs reportedly placed by the June 9th Armenian nationalist organization Tuesday night.

American injured in Swissair office blast

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 12 (AP) — Two bombs exploded at a Swissair office Tuesday night, spraying glass over two city streets and injuring an American tourist, police said. A group identifying itself as the June 9th Armenian nationalist organization has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Police said it was "miraculous" that only one person was injured in the blast. The tourist, identified as Richard Schaeffer, 40, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was hospitalized for treatment of cuts from glass that struck his

back after he turned away from a window display at the Swissair office. He was expected to be released later Wednesday.

Police said the bombs exploded at the street corner office at 10:27 p.m. (2027 GMT) in the busy Vesterport section of Copenhagen that contains most airline and travel agencies. The blast shattered the Swissair office's glass, steel and brick facade and broke other office windows on two streets. Armenian organizations claimed responsibility for a similar bombing of the Turkish Airlines office here on Sept. 4, 1979, and for the near-fatal shooting of a Turkish diplomat, Cavit Demir, as he arrived home at his Copenhagen apartment last April 3.

The June 9th organization is a recently emerged faction of the anti-Turkish "Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA)." It takes its name from the date this year when a Swiss-based Turkish consular employee, Mehmet Yergoz, was shot to death in downtown Geneva.

To counter external threats

S. Africa hikes defense budget by 40 percent

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 12 (R) — The South African government Wednesday increased its defense spending by 40 percent this year to counter what it described as external threats. Finance Minister Owen Horwood said in his 1981-82 budget speech: "We have little option but to do everything in our power to ensure our preparedness against the threat from outside our borders."

The government is raising defense spending to 2.64 billion rand (\$2.75 billion) despite a huge drop in income caused by the fall in the price of gold from more than \$850 an ounce in January last year to around \$400. South Africa, by far the world's largest gold producer, is expecting a deficit of 2.81 billion rand (\$2.92 billion) this year.

Horwood said the deficit meant there could be no question of significant tax reductions. After much pressure from the building societies, he said he would allow them to increase the rates they pay to depositors to 8.75 percent from 8.25, a move delayed before this year's general election as it involves an inevitable increase in the mortgage rate paid by homeowners.

South Africa has been fighting a bush war in the northern area of the disputed territory of Southwest Africa (Namibia) against black nationalist guerrillas of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) for the past 15 years. Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan said in a statement earlier this week it was imperative to boost the defense of the

Baltic maneuvers

West eyes Soviet fleet

PARIS, Aug. 12 (AFP) — The arrival in the Baltic Sea of the helicopter-carrier *Leningrad* (17,000 tons) and the cruiser *Admiral Isachenkov* (8,000 tons), brings the number of Soviet vessels now in the region to more than 60.

The International Institute of Strategic Studies in London says the maneuvers constitute the Soviet Navy's biggest combined operation since 1945. The 12 amphibious craft in the exercise include, apart from the *Leningrad*, the 30,000-ton aircraft carrier *Kiev*.

The unusual nature of the maneuvers is holding the attention of Western specialists, because the Soviets have gathered an impressive armada composed for the first time of vessels from each of its four navies — Black Sea, Northern Seas, Baltic and Pacific.

The essential objective of Soviet military headquarters would be to test the coordination and efficiency of its forces in case they should be needed for a far-reaching combined operation. In Stockholm, however, Gen. Lennart Jung, commander in chief of Swedish armed forces, has said that the concentration of Soviet ships in the Baltic would not be enough to ensure the success of a major landing.

Gen. Lennart said that the number of vessels was not much larger than those which took part in record-size Soviet Navy war games in 1978.

Swedish experts have discounted theories that the Soviet Union is waging a war of nerves against troubled Poland, but said that events in the Baltic did prevent Sweden from sending four torpedo boats to Britain as planned. A spokesman in Stockholm said: "It would be a badly-chosen moment to deplete our coastal surveillance."

West German specialists say that the landing exercise held last week on Soviet territory not far from the Polish frontier is only the beginning of much more important maneuvers.

NATO spokesman in Brussels continued to say Wednesday that the spectacular reinforcement of the Soviet naval presence in the Baltic had no connection with the Polish crisis. Experts in London, Brussels and Paris support this viewpoint by saying that by its size the Soviet naval exercise must have taken at least a year to prepare.

Some experts believe the Soviet movements taking place in the Baltic are a politico-military "gesture", or, in specialist jargon, a maneuver of indirect intimidation.

It is thought that the Soviet exercise will still be going on when NATO starts its large-scale maneuvers in mid-September. The Western operation will include an airborne exercise toward West Germany, under the code name "Reforger", as well as naval trials called "Ocean Venture 81".

Violence erupts

Sri Lanka troops patrol city

COLOMBO, Aug. 12 (AFP) — President J.R. Jayewardene Wednesday called out all three armed services to help maintain public order in the wake of communal violence. Armed forces were given all the powers of the police, and troops were deployed to assist police in patrolling and guarding possible trouble spots.

The president's order came as seven shops were set on fire at Peliyagoda, just outside Colombo, in the latest outbreak of violence. In the city, security precautions were intensified, with troops and police patrolling and keeping guard in the bazaar area.

Main targets for violence have been shops belonging to the Tamil minority. A train carrying passengers to Jaffna, in the north, the homeland of the Tamils, was attacked in a Colombo suburb Tuesday night.

Tension has grown between the Sinhalese majority and the Tamils in recent weeks following the campaign of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), the major opposition group in parliament, for a separate Tamil state in the northern and eastern provinces. Tamils form 11.2 percent of the near 15 million population in the country.

A terrorist group calling itself "the Liberation Tigers", supporting the move for a separate state, has been held responsible for violence in recent years in the north. The cabinet which discussed the situation at its meeting Wednesday is reported to have authorized the president to declare a state of emergency if necessary.

The president told the cabinet that he would consider proposals by his ministers and other leaders to curb communal tension including a suggestion to outlaw the campaign for a separate Tamil state.

Weather delays

freighter rescue

NEW DELHI, Aug. 12 (AFP) — A grounded Hong Kong freighter, whose Chinese crew believed they were being threatened by spear-wielding natives in the Bay of Bengal, will have to wait at least one more day for bad weather to pass before the Indian Navy can rescue it.

The Panamanian-registered ship, the 16,391-ton bulk carrier *Primrose*, with a 31-man crew aboard, is perched on a coral reef off remote North Sentinel Island in the Andaman Islands group.

Rescue ships Wednesday failed to approach the *Primrose* because of high seas. The ship has remained grounded since Aug. 2 on the island, about 500 kms south of Burma. But naval authorities here hoped the weather would clear Thursday.

In London, Lloyds reported that the master of the *Primrose* radioed that more than 50 islanders armed with a variety of weapons including spears and arrows, were only prevented from attacking the ship by a six to eight meter swell and 35 knot winds. There were also urgent messages sent from the ship asking that weapons be airdropped so the crew could defend themselves.

However, the Andaman Island administration said natives had been expecting "gifts." The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported here. The native tribes are accustomed to occasional visits by Indian government vessels bearing gifts as a means of befriending the tribal people.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Always and ever, the rich and the poor. A rich personage — very rich indeed — had one of the problems the rich are prone to. Oil was in high demand. The West couldn't get enough of the stuff. Therefore a boom in the oil shipping industry, into which the man promptly moved.

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And there he meets a poor man — very poor indeed — who has one of the problems the poor are prone to. His very modest job is terminated. Winter coming and no clothes or heating for the wife and kids. He too had come to unburden and seek help.

It happened that there were only the two of them at the time, and they set up praying and pleading in great style, tears streaming down their faces.

But then, as we said, always and ever the rich and the poor. The rich man becomes aware of the commotion next to him and steals a glance. There was this obviously dirty poor fellow kicking up a considerable fuss.

He toned down his own pleading for a moment to hear what the fellow was praying for. And, "food and clothing for the kids" was the answer. So he turns and gives him a gentle tap. "Here you are, my good man. Enough money for the hard season. Now kindly leave."

The poor man is of course over the moon, prayer answered so quickly. He gets up and leaves.

Upon which the rich man says, "Now we are undisturbed, Lord, let's get down to business..."

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

21 mothers freed from French jails

PARIS, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Twenty-one mothers serving prison sentences from one to five years were Wednesday freed by presidential decree.

Among those affected by the amnesty was Christina von Opel, 31, the granddaughter of the founder of the German Opel automobile and industrial dynasty. Reports said she left her Marseille Prison Wednesday morning where she had been serving a five-year sentence on charges of drug trafficking. She is the mother of a six-year-old daughter.

Four of the freed mothers were looking after their babies in prison. President Francois Mitterrand said that his measure was "for the children as well." It was part of his new Socialist government's amnesty program that is to affect 6,000 prisoners. There are 1,284 women in French prisons.

Cooking oil toll-rises

MADRID, Aug. 12 (AFP) — Another person died Wednesday from "toxic pneumonia," the illness caused by poisoned cooking oil which has already affected more than 11,000 Spaniards, of whom 1,000 are in hospital. Health officials here said the latest death — which brings the total to 90 — was that of a 57-year-old woman.

The outbreak of toxic pneumonia began in May when hospitals were besieged by patients suffering from respiratory troubles after eating food cooked in cheap oils later discovered to have been adulterated by poisonous colorants, preservatives and even fuel oil.

Britannia in Egypt

PORT SAID, Aug. 12 (R) — Britain's Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales, on a Mediterranean honeymoon cruise, arrived in Egypt Wednesday. During a brief stopover they were due to entertain President Anwar Sadat and his wife to dinner on board the Royal yacht *Britannia*.

A big crowd waving Egyptian and British flags greeted the royal couple while vessels in Port Said harbor sounded their sirens in welcome.

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